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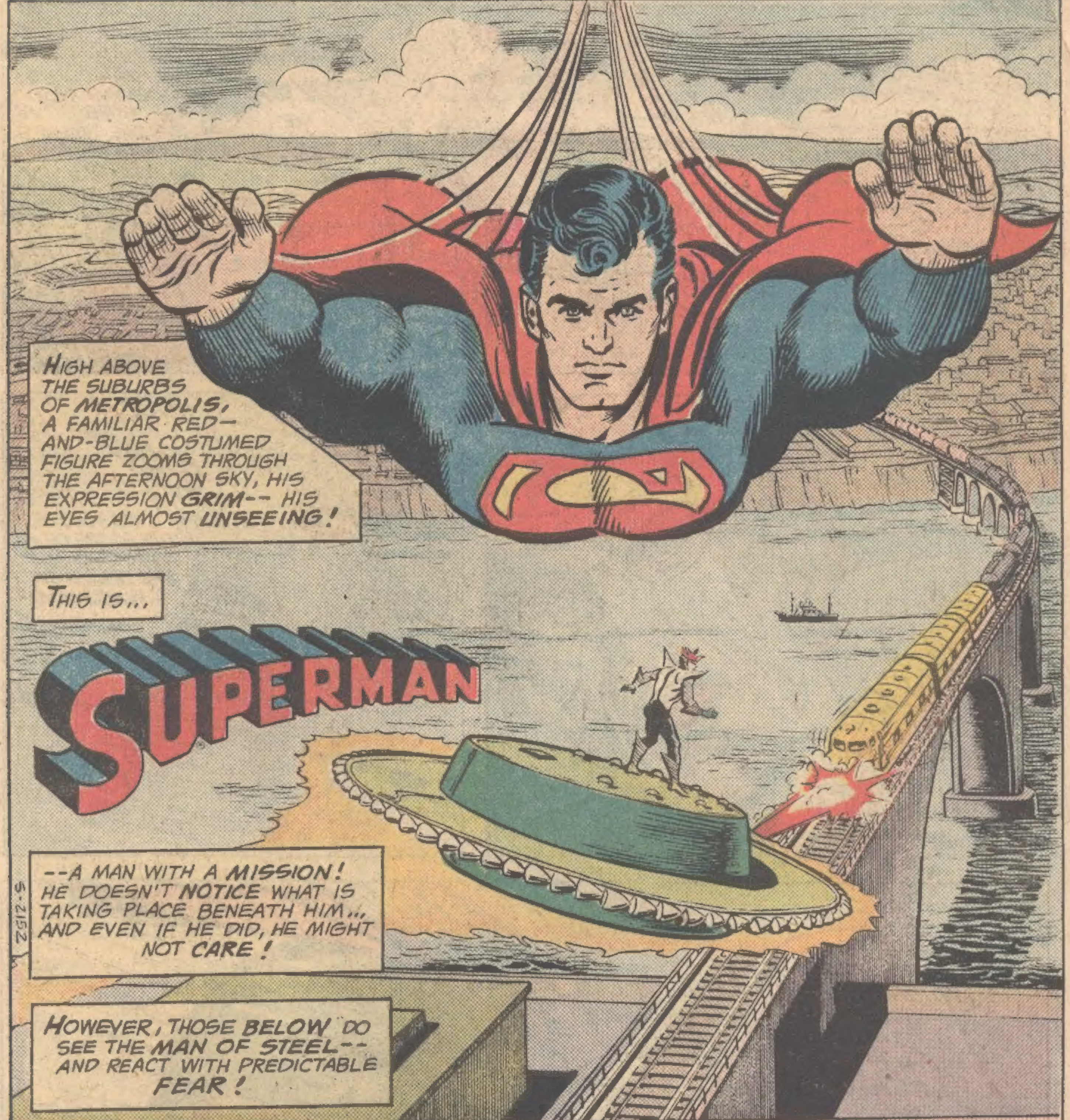
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THE AFTERNOON SKY, HIS
EXPRESSION GRIM-- HIS
EYES ALMOST UNSEEING!

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--A MAN WITH A MISSION!
HE DOESN'T NOTICE WHAT IS
TAKING PLACE BENEATH HIM...
AND EVEN IF HE DID, HE MIGHT
NOT CARE!

HOWEVER, THOSE BELOW DO
SEE THE MAN OF STEEL--
AND REACT WITH PREDICTABLE
FEAR!

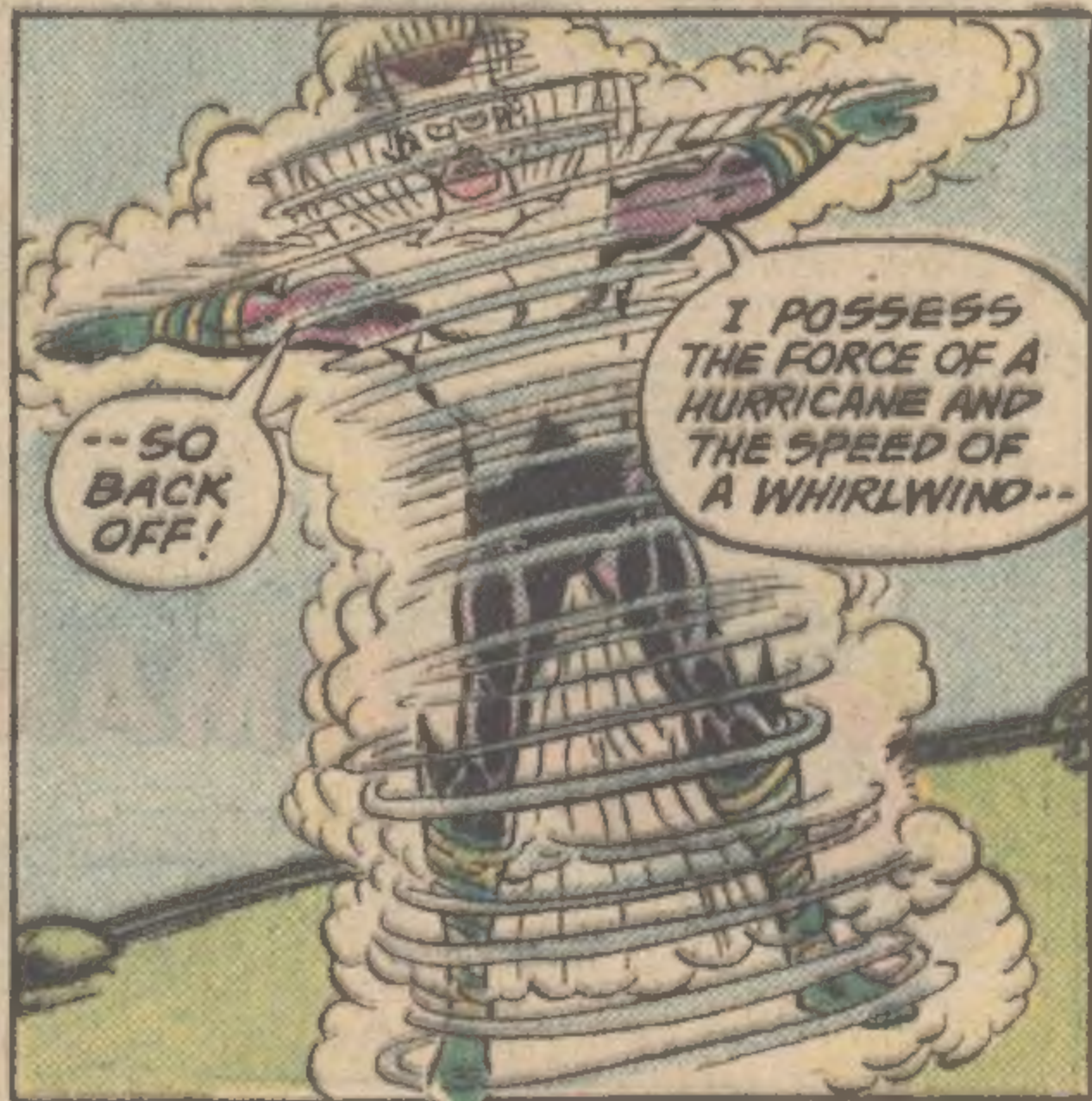
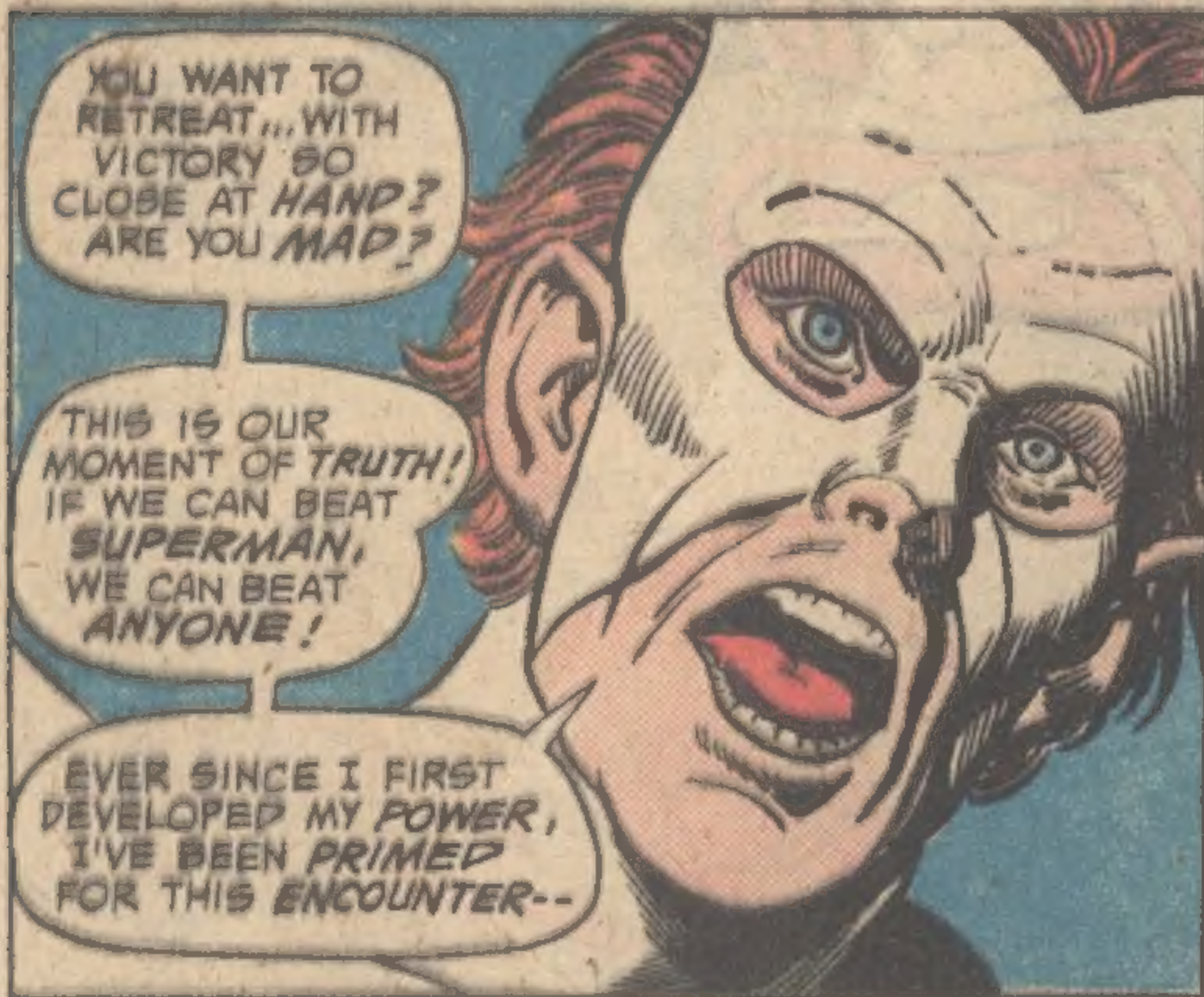
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CLARK KENT..
AND I CAN PROVE IT!"**

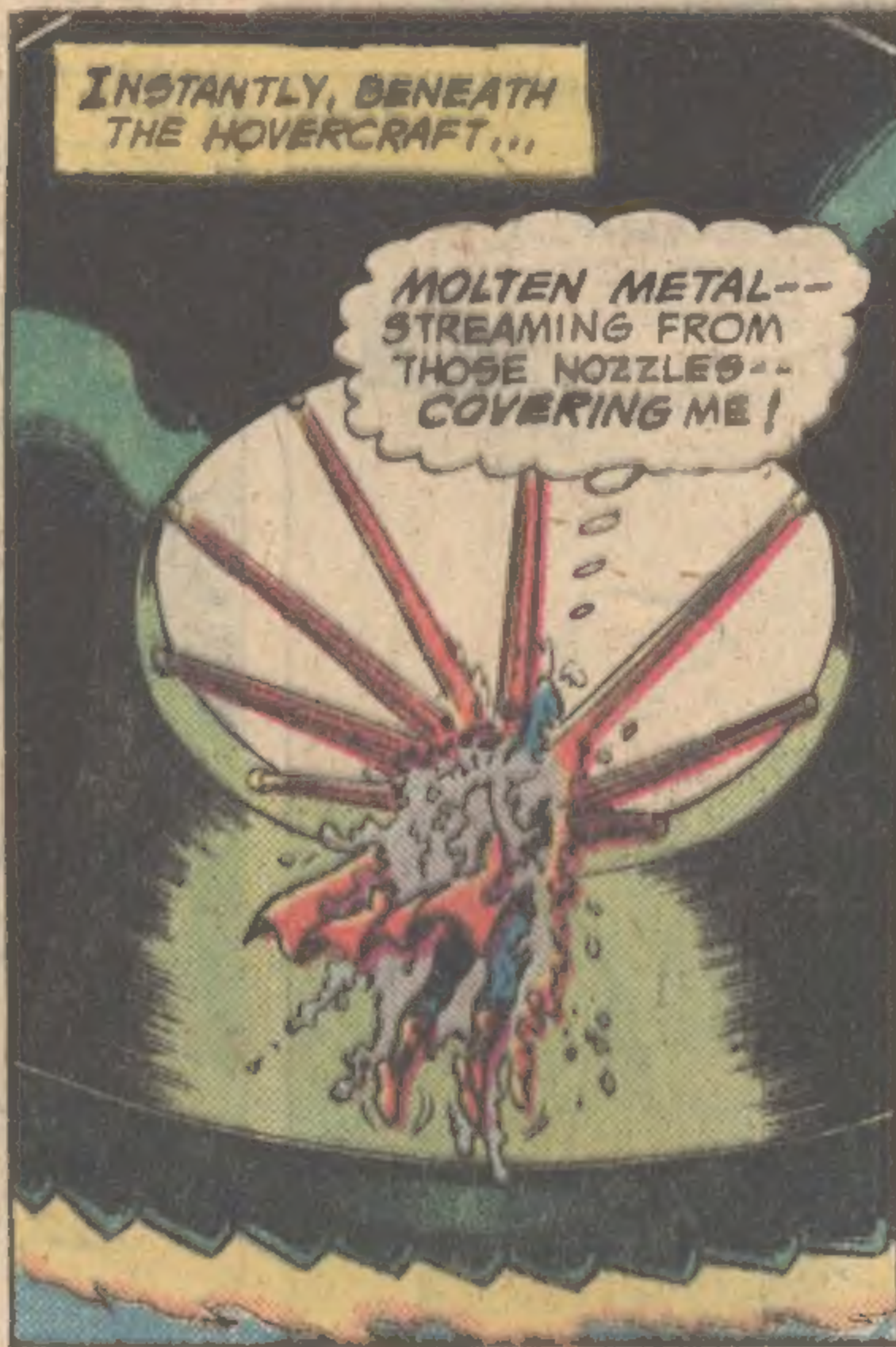
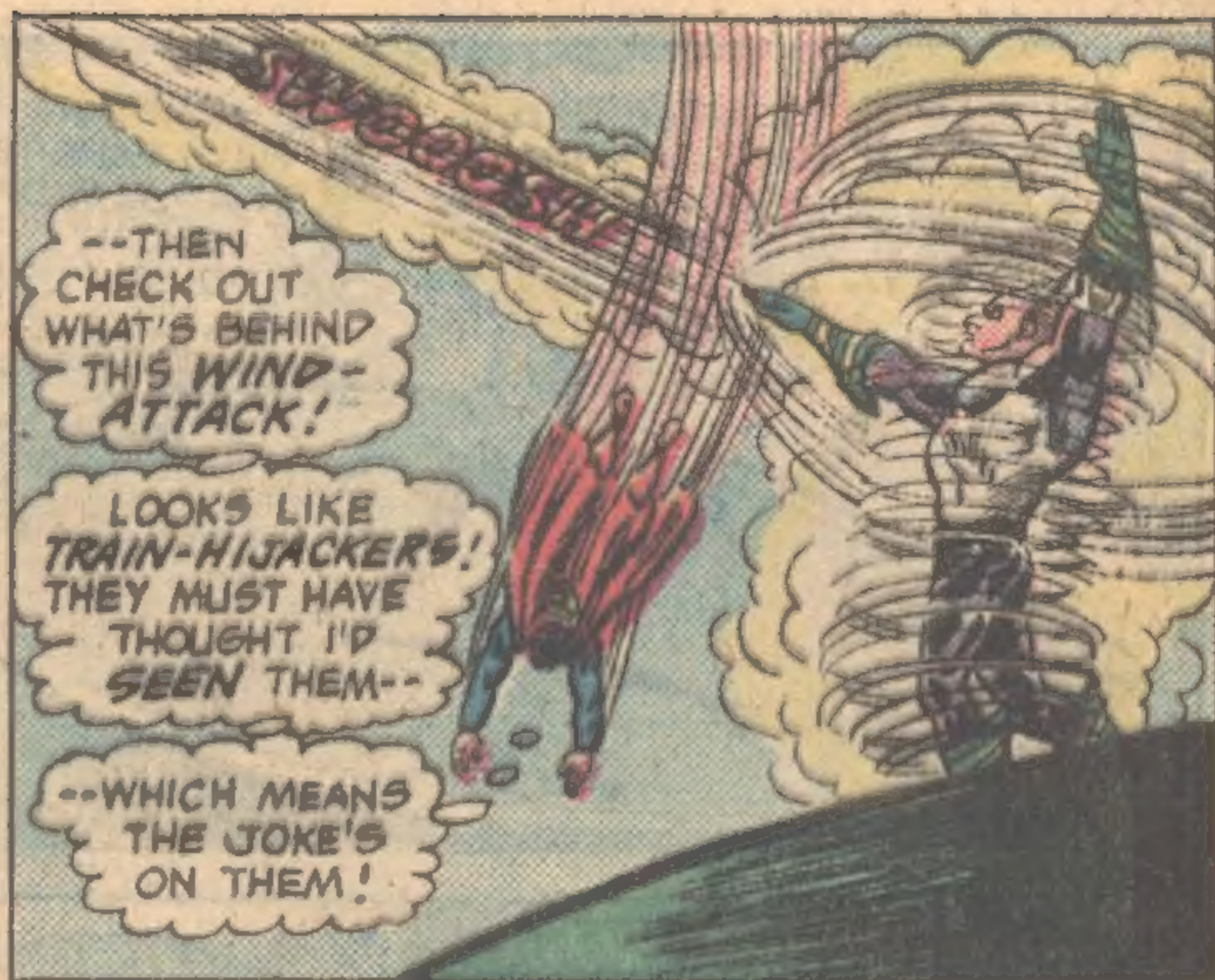
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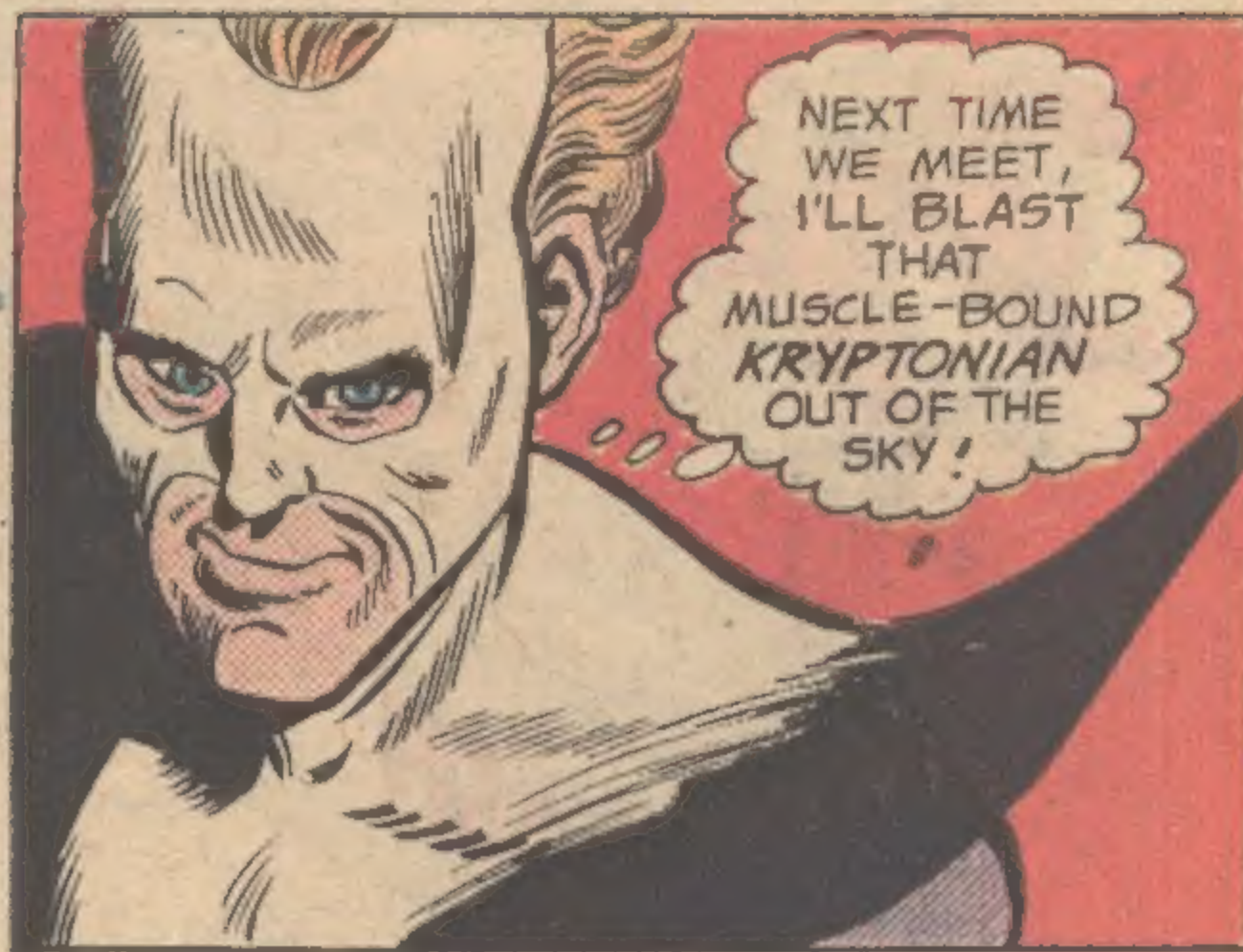




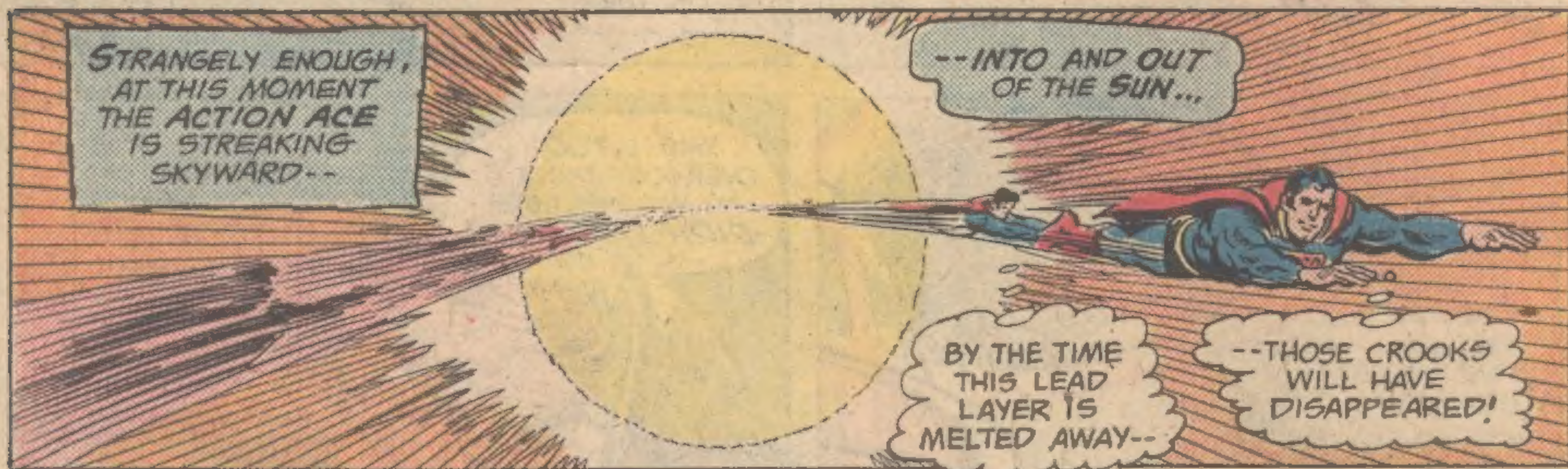


I ANTICIPATED
TANGLING WITH THE
MAN OF STEEL
SOONER OR LATER--
AND IT'S PAID OFF
IN... **LEAD!**

NOW THAT
HE'S CAUGHT
IN A "**BLIND**",
HE CAN'T
FOLLOW US!



NEXT TIME
WE MEET,
I'LL BLAST
THAT
MUSCLE-BOUND
KRYPTONIAN
OUT OF THE
SKY!



STRANGELY ENOUGH,
AT THIS MOMENT
THE ACTION ACE
IS STREAKING
SKYWARD--

--INTO AND OUT
OF THE SUN--

BY THE TIME
THIS LEAD
LAYER IS
MELTED AWAY--

--THOSE CROOKS
WILL HAVE
DISAPPEARED!



BESIDES, I'M ON
A MORE **URGENT**
CASE--RESPONDING
TO AN **S O S**--

TRUMAN MEMORIAL
HOSPITAL



--FROM MY OLD
BOYHOOD FRIEND--

--PETE ROSS!

SUPERMAN...
THANKS FOR
COMING--!



WHAT'S **WRONG**, PETE? YOUR
MESSAGE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT
YOUR **SON**--?

YES!
JONATHAN
IS--IS--

--**JONATHAN**
ROSS IS
DYING,
SUPERMAN--

--AND ONLY
YOU CAN
SAVE HIM!

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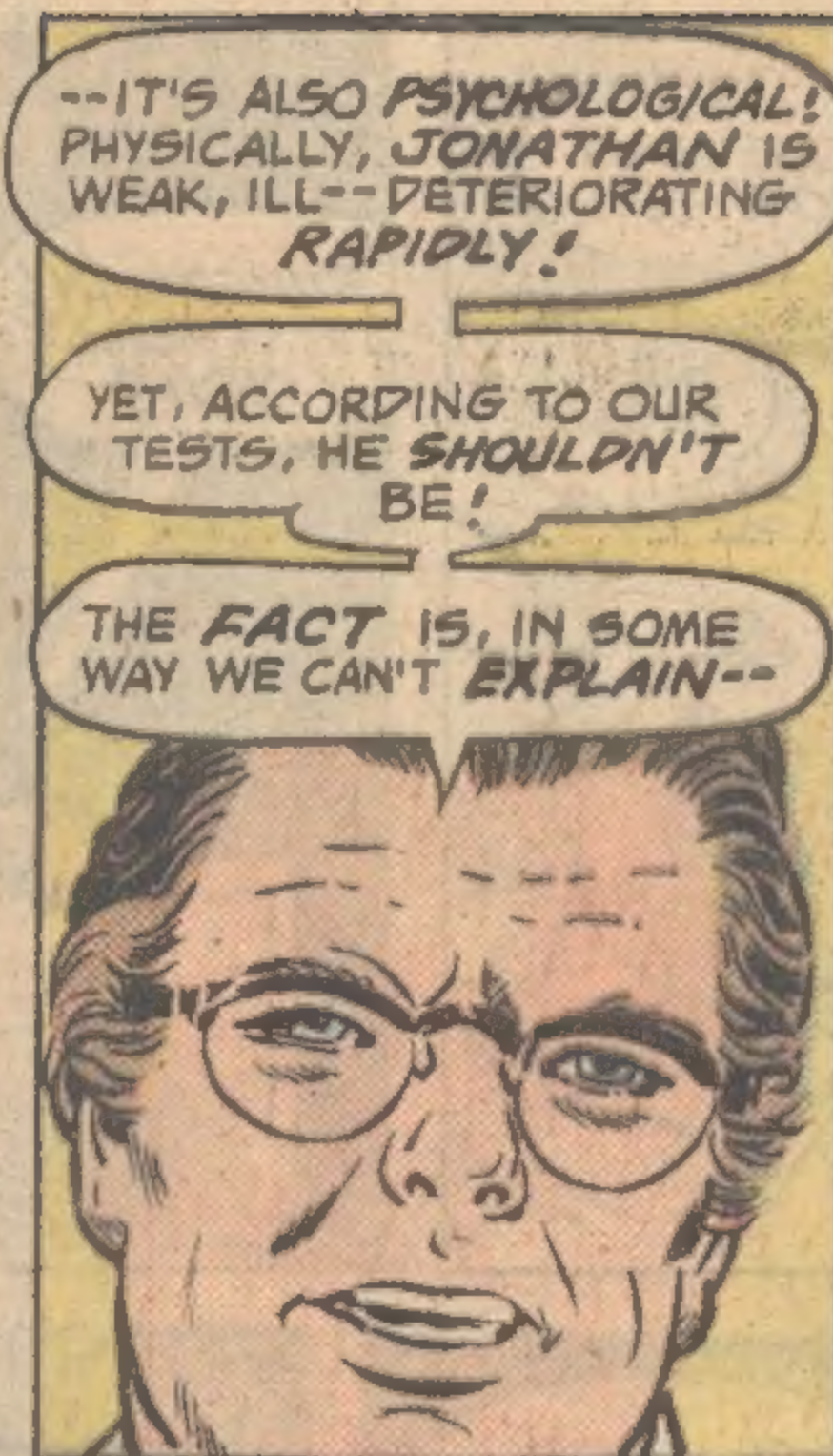
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ARE YOU **SERIOUS**, DOCTOR? WHAT CAN I DO THAT YOU **HAVEN'T** ALREADY DONE?

IT'S NOT JUST A **MEDICAL** PROBLEM AT THIS POINT, **SUPERMAN**--

KRYPTONIAN SCIENCE IS **ADVANCED**, BUT--



--IT'S ALSO **PSYCHOLOGICAL**! PHYSICALLY, **JONATHAN** IS WEAK, ILL--**DETERIORATING RAPIDLY!**

YET, ACCORDING TO OUR TESTS, HE **SHOULDN'T** BE!

THE **FACT** IS, IN SOME WAY WE CAN'T **EXPLAIN**--



--**JONATHAN** HAS LOST THE **WILL** TO **SURVIVE!**

YOU'VE GOT TO **HELP** HIM, **SUPERMAN!**

YOU'RE HIS **HERO**--ALL HE EVER TALKS ABOUT!

I'LL DO **ANYTHING** I CAN, PETE... BUT WHAT--?



THERE'S AN AIR OF **DESPERATION** ABOUT THE MAN KNOWN AS **PETE ROSS**, **DESPERATION** WHICH **REVEALS** ITSELF A MOMENT LATER, AS THE TWO OLD FRIENDS ARE ALONE...

IT'S A **SLIM** CHANCE--



--BUT **JON'S** ALWAYS SAID THE ONE THING HE WANTED MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD IS TO KNOW YOUR **SECRET IDENTITY!**

I REALIZE WHAT I'M **ASKING**, **SUPERMAN**-- BUT--

--HE'S MY **SON!**



SO IT'S FINALLY **COME**-- THE MOMENT I'VE **DREADED**...

...WHEN I HAVE TO **CHOOSE** BETWEEN MY **SECRET IDENTITY**...AND SOMEONE'S **LIFE**! NOT JUST ANYONE...THE SON OF MY **BEST FRIEND!**

HEAVEN **HELP** ME... WHAT DO I DO **NOW?**



WHAT **MUST** A **SUPERMAN** DO--?

JON...?



JON...
ARE YOU
AWAKE..?



I'VE SOMETHING
TO *SHOW* YOU...

HUH...
WHO...?



SUPERMAN!
IS IT REALLY
YOU?

IT'S REALLY
ME, JON! YOUR
FATHER ASKED
ME TO VISIT
YOU!

HE SAID
YOU'D LIKE
TO KNOW WHO
I SECRETLY
AM--

OH, YES...
YES!



THEN WATCH
CLOSELY, JON!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO
LEARN ONE OF
THE *BEST-KEPT*
SECRETS IN
THE WORLD--

-- THAT
SUPERMAN--

-- IS
REALLY--



--TV NEWSCASTER--

--**CLARK KENT!**--

FOR A LONG MOMENT,
THERE IS *UTTER SILENCE*
IN THE DARKENED HOSPITAL
ROOM--



--AND THEN...

NO!
SOB!
NO!

WHY DID
YOU HAVE TO
LIE TO ME?

I *TRUSTED*
YOU--NOT LIKE
THE OTHERS, NOT
LIKE THOSE
DOCTORS TELLING
ME I'M GOING TO
GET *WELL--*



**J-JON... I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!**

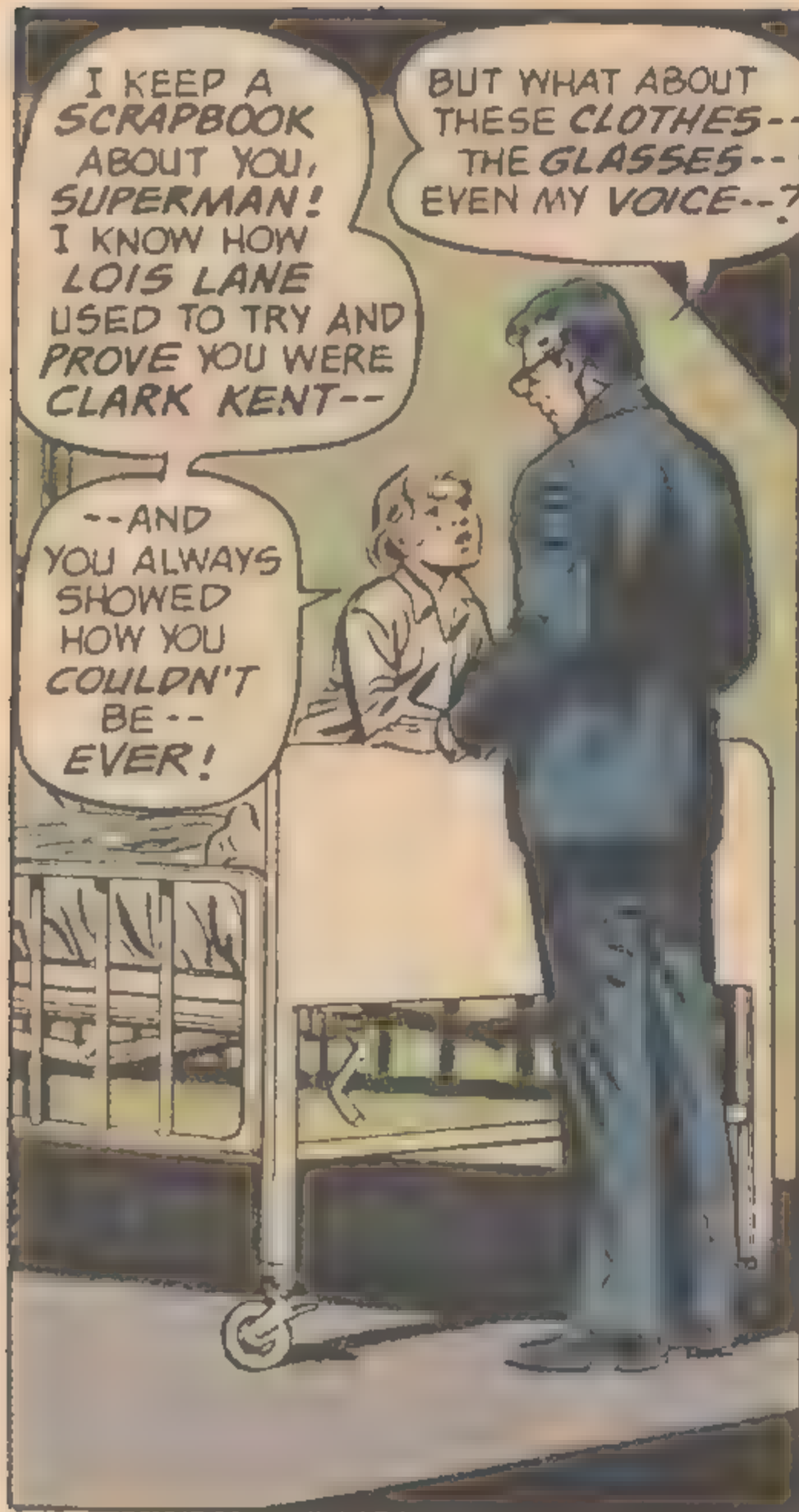
-- I
TRUSTED
YOU!

I THOUGHT YOU
WANTED TO LEARN
MY SECRET IDENTITY..?



I *DO!*
BUT HOW COULD
YOU EXPECT
EVEN A *KID*
TO BELIEVE
SUPERMAN
IS *CLARK*
KENT?

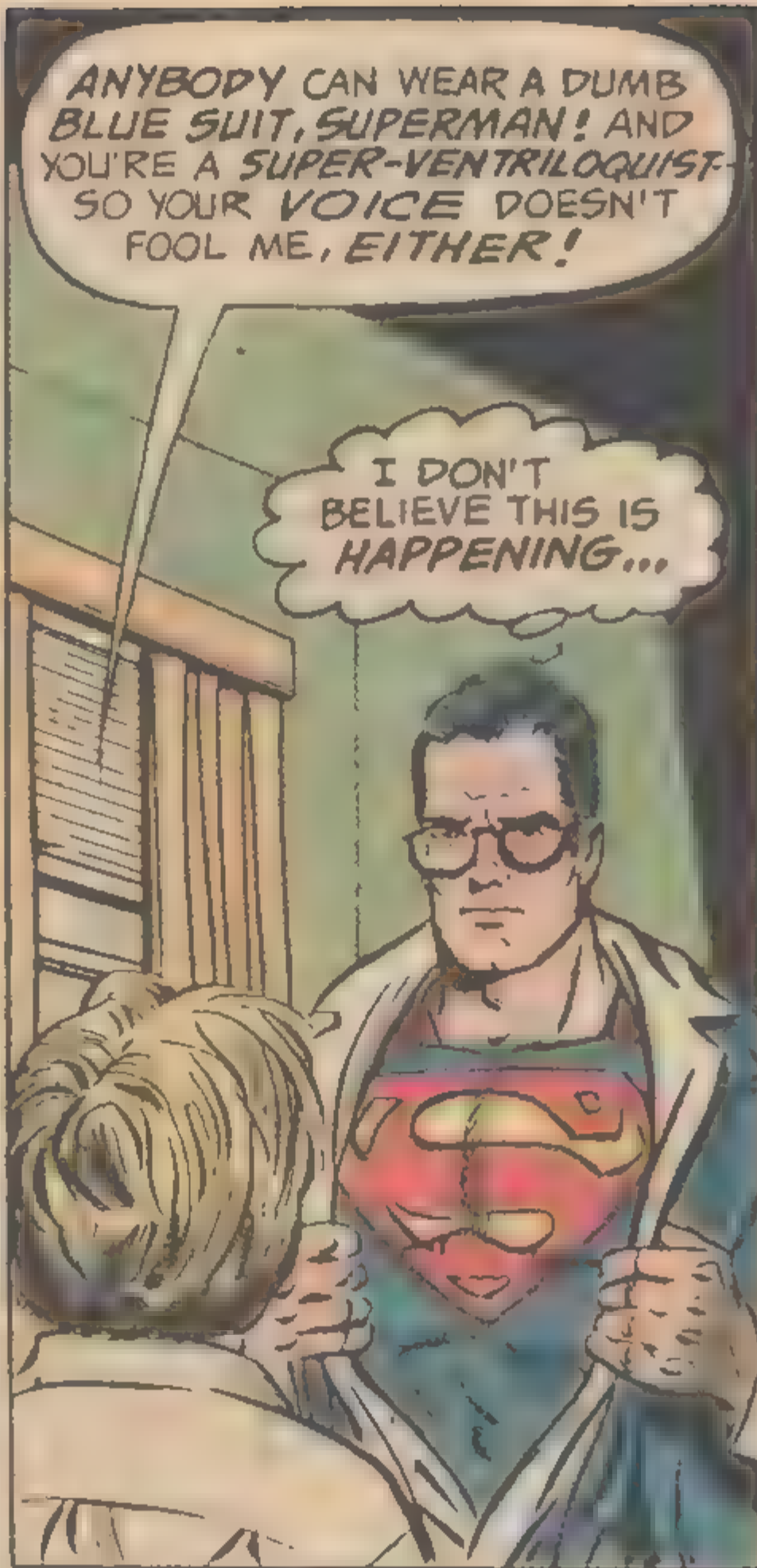
YOU
DON'T
BELIEVE--?



I KEEP A SCRAPBOOK ABOUT YOU, SUPERMAN! I KNOW HOW LOIS LANE USED TO TRY AND PROVE YOU WERE CLARK KENT--

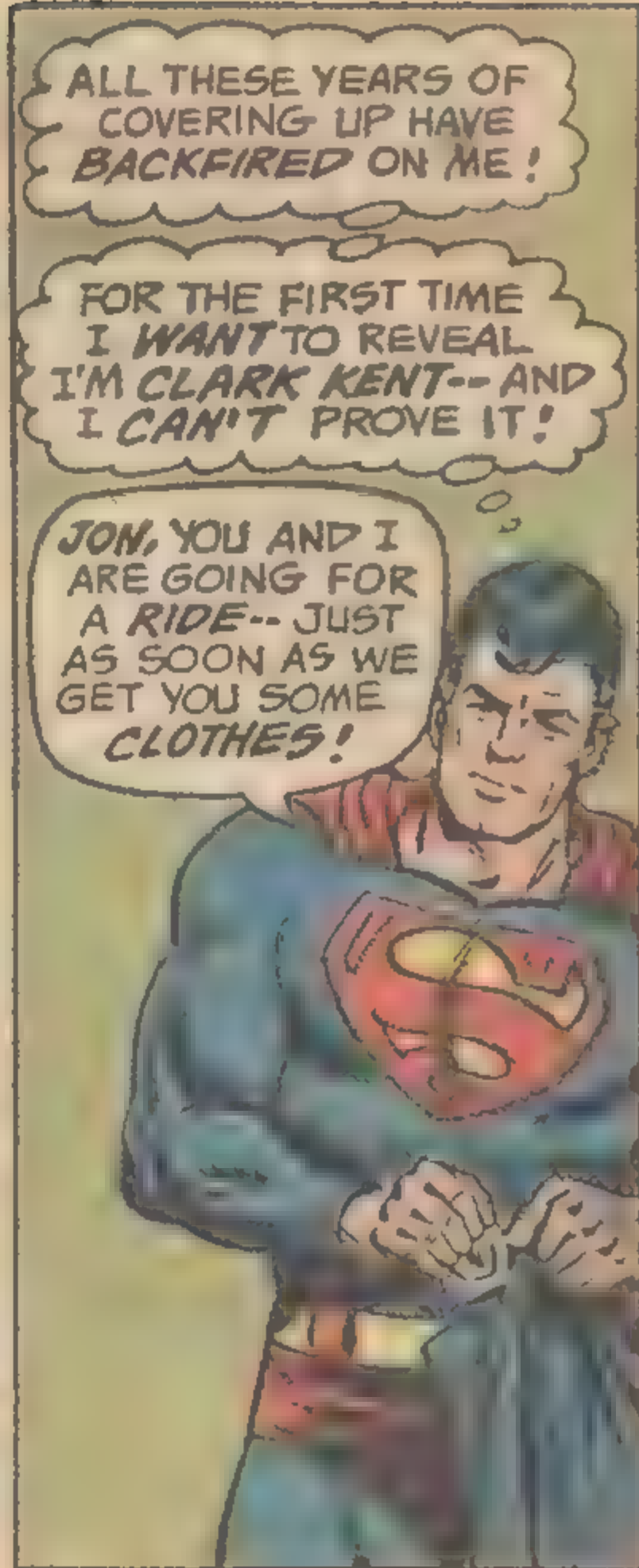
BUT WHAT ABOUT THESE CLOTHES-- THE GLASSES-- EVEN MY VOICE--?

--AND YOU ALWAYS SHOWED HOW YOU COULDN'T BE-- EVER!



ANYBODY CAN WEAR A DUMB BLUE SUIT, SUPERMAN! AND YOU'RE A SUPER-VENTRILOQUIST-- SO YOUR VOICE DOESN'T FOOL ME, EITHER!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING...



ALL THESE YEARS OF COVERING UP HAVE BACKFIRED ON ME!

FOR THE FIRST TIME I WANT TO REVEAL I'M CLARK KENT-- AND I CAN'T PROVE IT!

JON, YOU AND I ARE GOING FOR A RIDE-- JUST AS SOON AS WE GET YOU SOME CLOTHES!

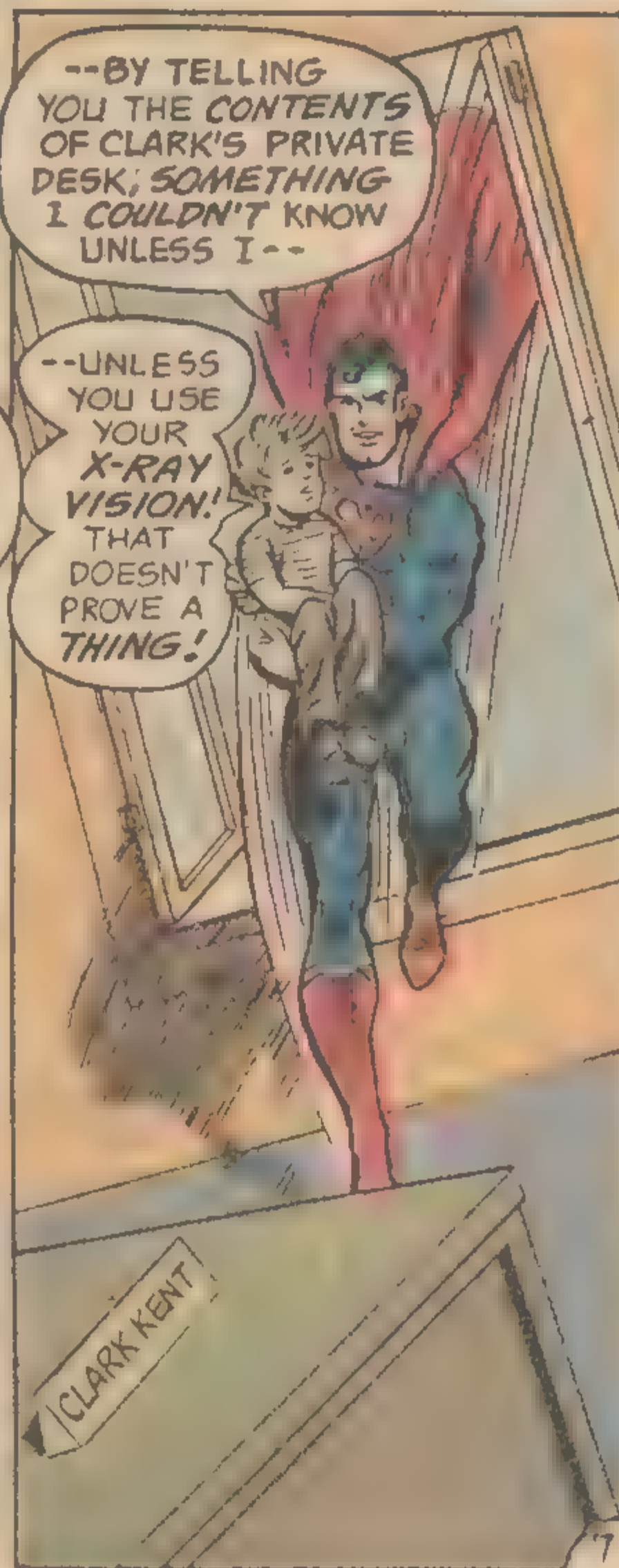


MINUTES LATER, HIGH ABOVE THE GALAXY BROADCASTING BUILDING...

YOU'RE ROBERT REDFORD--RIGHT? BURT REYNOLDS? STEVE LOMBARD?

NO, JON-- NONE OF THOSE!

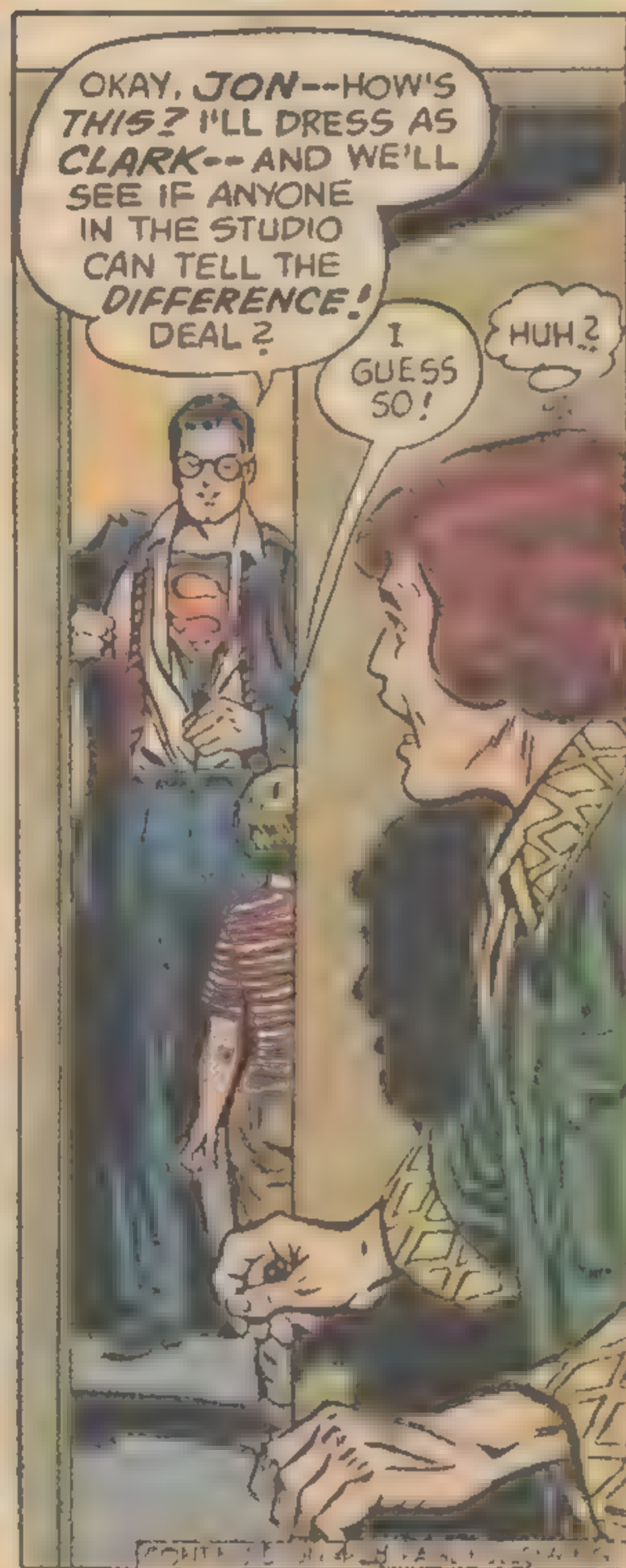
I'M CLARK KENT-- AND I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE IT--



--BY TELLING YOU THE CONTENTS OF CLARK'S PRIVATE DESK, SOMETHING I COULDN'T KNOW UNLESS I--

--UNLESS YOU USE YOUR X-RAY VISION! THAT DOESN'T PROVE A THING!

CLARK KENT



OKAY, JON--HOW'S THIS? I'LL DRESS AS CLARK-- AND WE'LL SEE IF ANYONE IN THE STUDIO CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE! DEAL?

I GUESS SO!

HUH?



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Dear Editor:

After a short two-issue absence, Action #453 reinstates Cary Bates—a wise move.

Actually, "Superman's Fantastic Face-Saving Feat" wasn't all that good, but it had enough plot contrivances and character quirks to keep it interesting. The most notable contrivance was Cary's break with his (unfortunately) familiar plotting structure. I just knew the opening balloon scene would tie in somewhere with the plot; Cary never puts in superfluous sequences like this—or so I thought. For that stunt was indeed as isolated as it seemed. I was flabbergasted, to say the least.

Once the story got rolling, though, it really got interesting. One couldn't help but get caught up in the flow of events, culminating in that wonderfully played Batman/pseudo-Clark exchange. Naturally, "Clark" was baffled by Bat's cancellation of his now-familiar switch of identity, yet since this has been done by Batman so many times before (switching, not cancelling), it made sense to include the scene. It was excellent embellishes like this that made the story what it is.

The last scene was great mostly because of the implication that subtle changes are being made in Clark's previously milk-soppish behavior. His rough treatment of the unnamed heavy was timely—and the only true action in the story. Except for the balloon save, the purpose of which I now realize.

On the artistic end, Curt Swan held up his half of the story as well as always. Nothing more need be said.

Nothing need be said about Martin Pasko's latest Atom, either, but I'll say something. I realize these shorts need a definite gimmick to work, but a broken thought-actualizer ("Danger: Thoughts at Work") is too convenient and too obvious. Jose Delbo's art never really had a chance to breathe.

To end on a somewhat positive note, Bob Oksner's cover was fine, though a little background and detail could do wonders.

Mark Flanagan, Smyrna, Ga.

(Now let's hear from a pro-Pasko reader.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Julie:

Marty Pasko really does have the potential of being a great comic writer. "Danger: Thoughts at Work" is a good example.

Marty pays careful attention to characterization. Ray Palmer, Jean Loring and The Atom are all developed as distinct personalities. We see Ray and Jean's relationship, and the Ray/Atom distinction is central to the plot. If The Atom were not

different from Ray, the effects of the actualizer would not have been defeated

Another of Marty's strong points is his handling of scientific gadgets like the actualizer. He offers a reasonable explanation for the device instead of just assuming it's there. With three pages of the six-pager taking place in a speeding car, Marty gave artist Jose Delbo a lot of room for depicting action.

Fred Schneider, New York, N.Y.

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Dear Editor:

Something was wrong with "Superman's Fantastic Face-Saving Feat," but I don't know where to place the blame.

It certainly wasn't Curt Swan's fault. He constantly portrays Superman and friends the way they should be: realistic, but with a touch of cartoonishness.

Tex Blaisdell is also in the clear. He inks Curt better than anyone since Murphy Anderson.

It must be Cary Bates, then. I guess what upset the story was the face-changer. The premise was so ridiculous I didn't even think it funny. Other than this, Cary wrote a fine tale with a couple of good twists.

Mike White, Mackinaw, Ill.

(And we'll close with an analysis of one of those twists.—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

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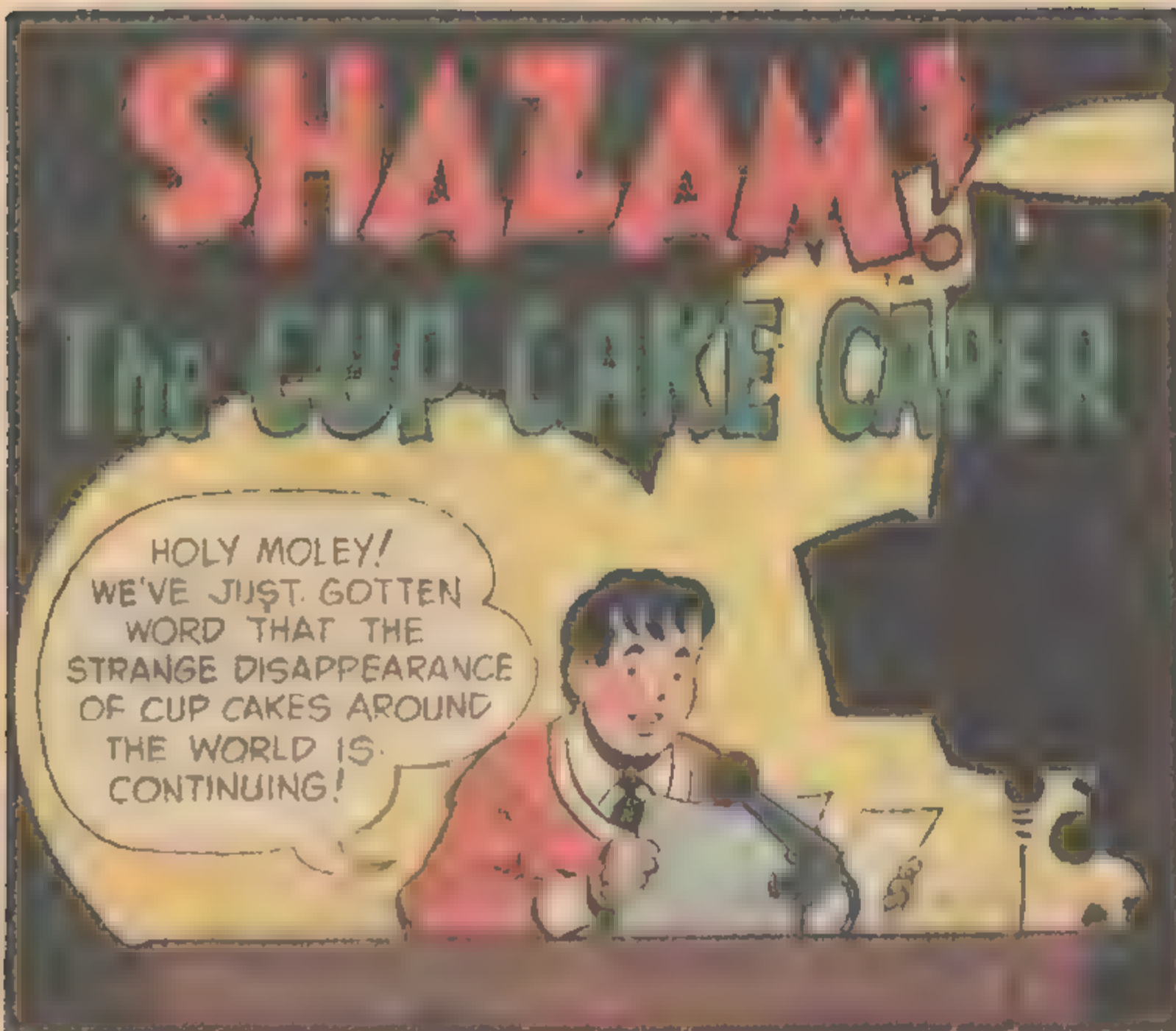
Dear Editors of Action:

Many people, pointing out that Superman seems schizoid, have used the evidence of his Clark Kent identity. He needs Clark: how else can he know people would accept him without superpowers? The Superman/Clark mystique is an attack on identity: are we really what we see in ourselves? Which brings me to Action #453.

Clark trades faces with another person. This makes him somebody else entirely. With a different face, even Clark's personality changes. He actually gets into a fight ... and the personality change became evident when he took off his mask. Looking past the story, we find a psychological allegory on the importance of a person's face in determining his personality. Cary Bates, you are great!

On the lighter side (literally), The Atom's tale was nice escapism. And the pun at the end ("cliffhangers") was mite-ily campish.

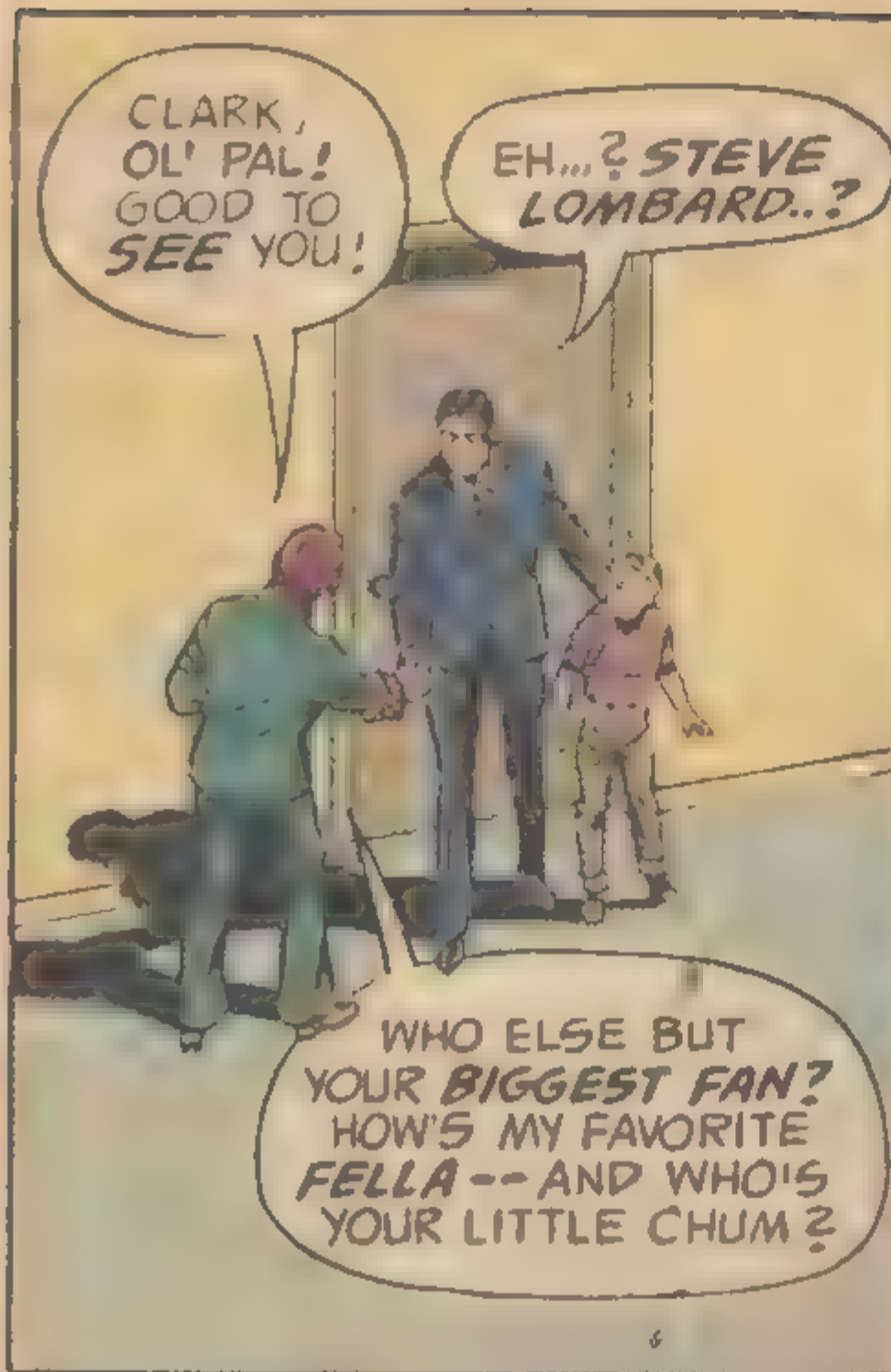
Adam Castro, New Rochelle, N.Y.





HA! CLARK MUST HAVE TOLD **SUPERMAN** ABOUT MY PRACTICAL JOKES--AND THEY'VE DECIDED TO PLAY ONE ON **ME** IN TURN!

WELL, WE'LL SEE ABOUT **THAT--!**



CLARK, OL' PAL! GOOD TO **SEE** YOU!

EH...? **STEVE LOMBARD..?**

WHO ELSE BUT YOUR **BIGGEST FAN?** HOW'S MY FAVORITE **FELLA--** AND WHO'S YOUR LITTLE CHUM?



JON ROSS, THIS IS THE FAMOUS SPORTSCASTER, **STEVE LOMBARD!**

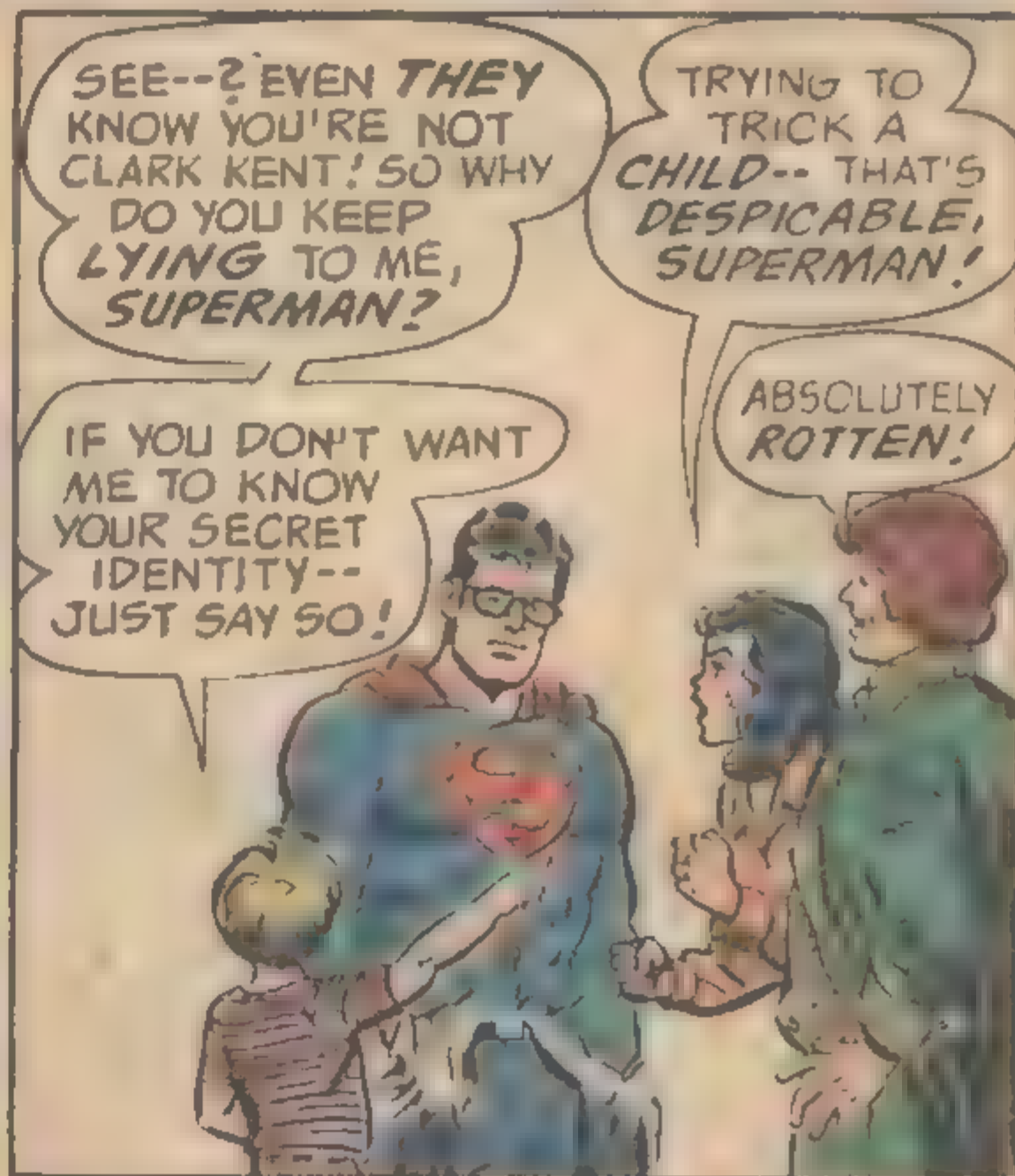
HEY, **LOIS--** LOOK WHO'S HERE! OUR **STAR NEWS** REPORTER--

CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY **STEVE'S** SO **FRIENDLY--** HE'S RUINING **EVERYTHING!**



--**SUPERMAN!**

WHAT ON **EARTH--?**



SEE--? EVEN **THEY** KNOW YOU'RE NOT **CLARK KENT!** SO WHY DO YOU KEEP **LYING** TO ME, **SUPERMAN?**

TRYING TO TRICK A **CHILD--** THAT'S **DESPICABLE, SUPERMAN!**

IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW YOUR **SECRET IDENTITY--** JUST SAY SO!

ABSOLUTELY ROTTEN!



SO MUCH FOR **THAT IDEA--** AND I'M BEGINNING TO RUN OUT OF **NEW ONES!**

I'VE GOT TO SHOW **JON** I'M NOT **LYING--** OR HE MAY **DIE--** LITERALLY-- OF A **BROKEN HEART!**

IT DOESN'T TAKE THE MAN
OF STEEL LONG TO RID HIM--
SELF OF HIS TATTERED CLARK--
CLOTHES, WHEN...

FINGERPRINTS
ARE USELESS--
MINE AREN'T ON
RECORD ANY--
WHERE!

VOICE-PRINTS ARE
OUT--AS JON SAID,
I'M A SUPER--
VENTRILOQUIST!

BIRTH-RECORDS
DON'T EXIST--
AND WOULDN'T
PROVE ANYTHING
IF THEY DID!

HOW CAN I
PROVE I'M ME?
IT'S ALMOST--
GREAT KRYPTON!

THAT
CARGO--
JET...

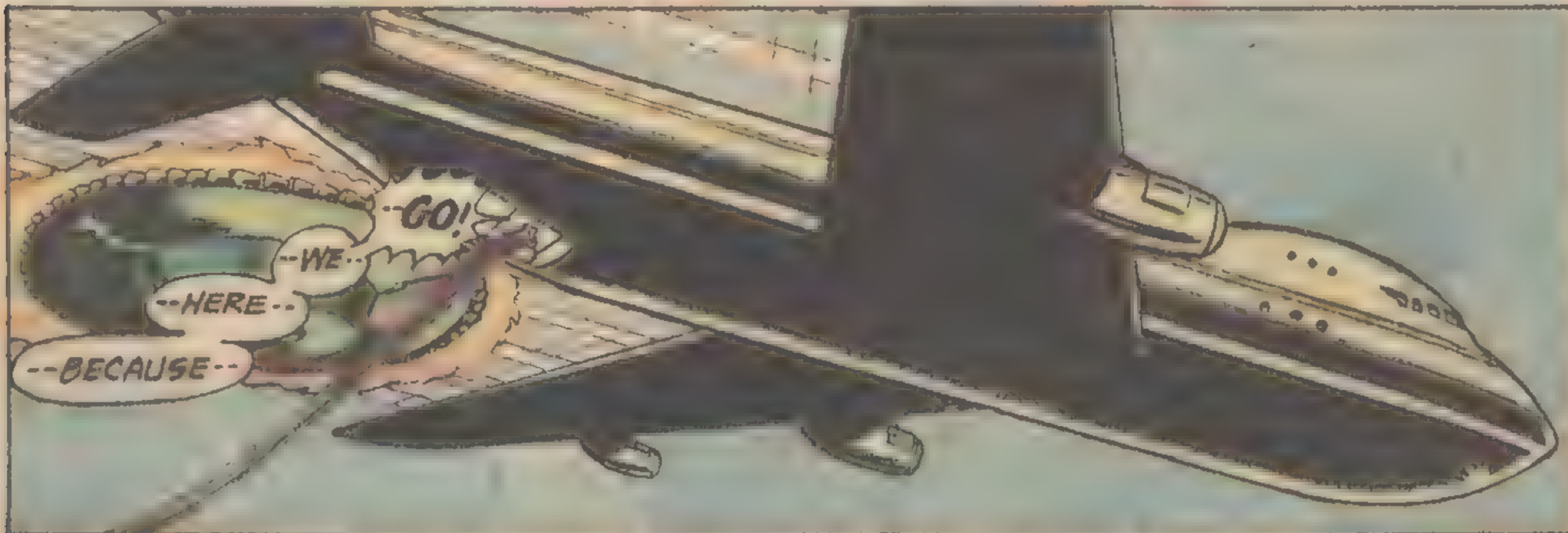
...SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

JON, HOW WOULD YOU
LIKE TO HAVE A RING--
SIDE SEAT FOR A REAL
SUPER-FIGHT?

OH, BOY--
WOULD I!

NEXT TO FINDING
OUT YOUR REAL
IDENTITY--THAT'D
BE THE BEST
THING IN THE
WORLD!

OKAY!
I'LL
WRAP
YOU IN
MY
SUPER--
CAPE
FOR
PROTECTION--
THEN
HANG ON--



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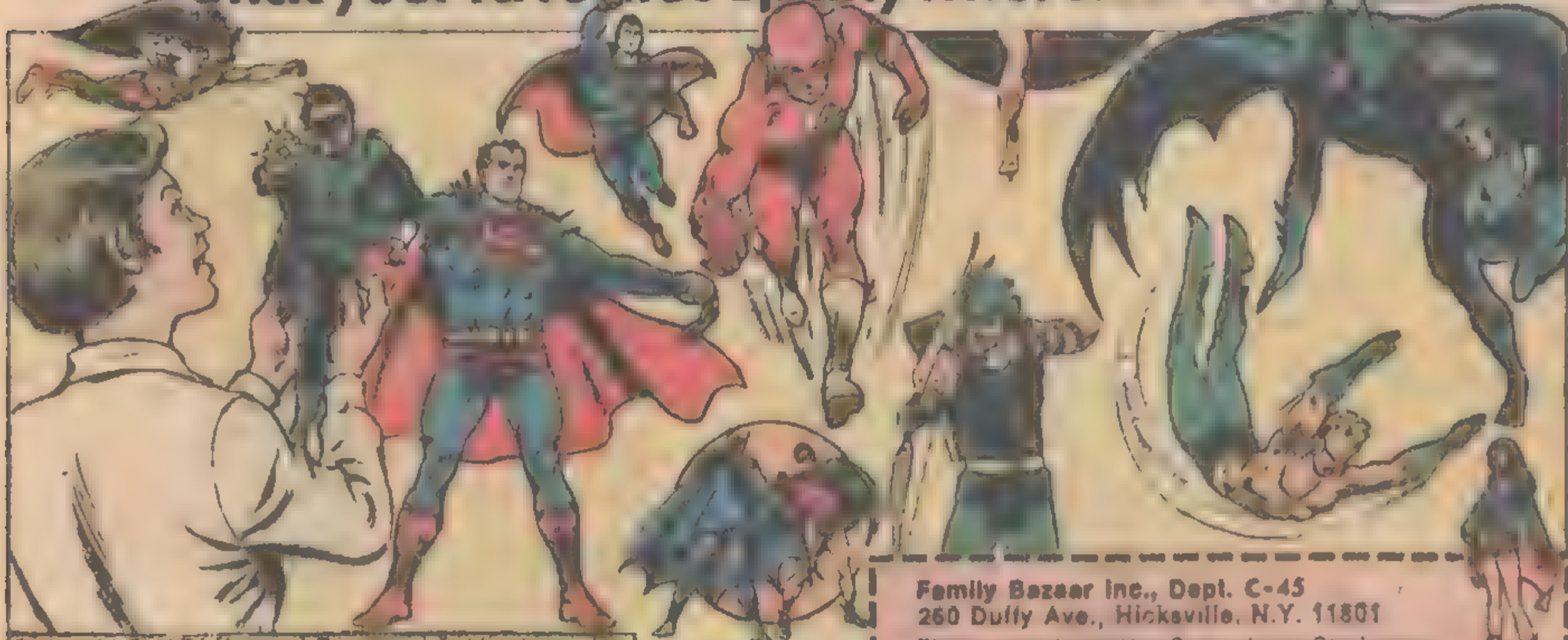
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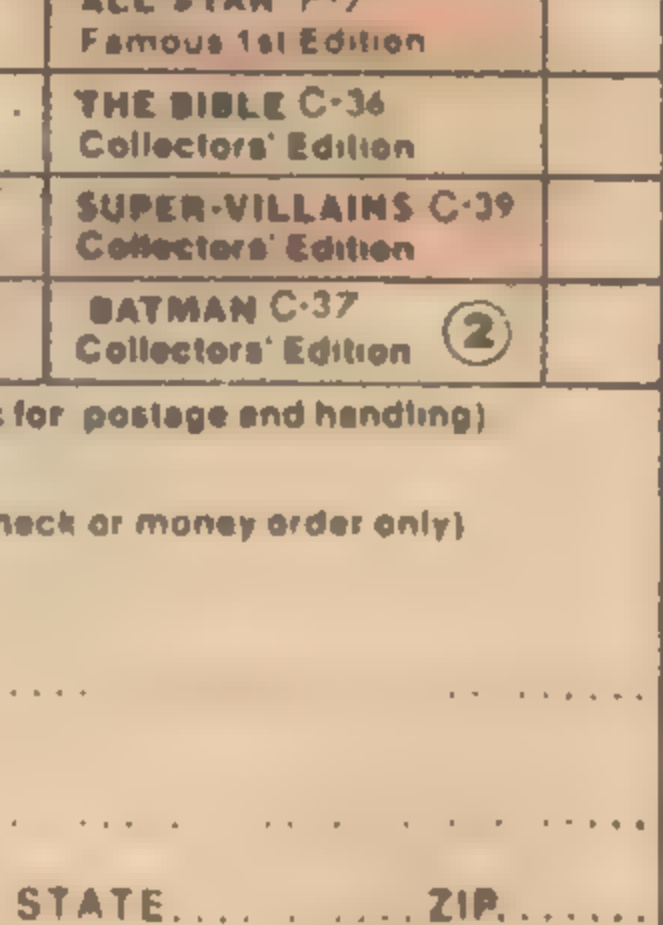
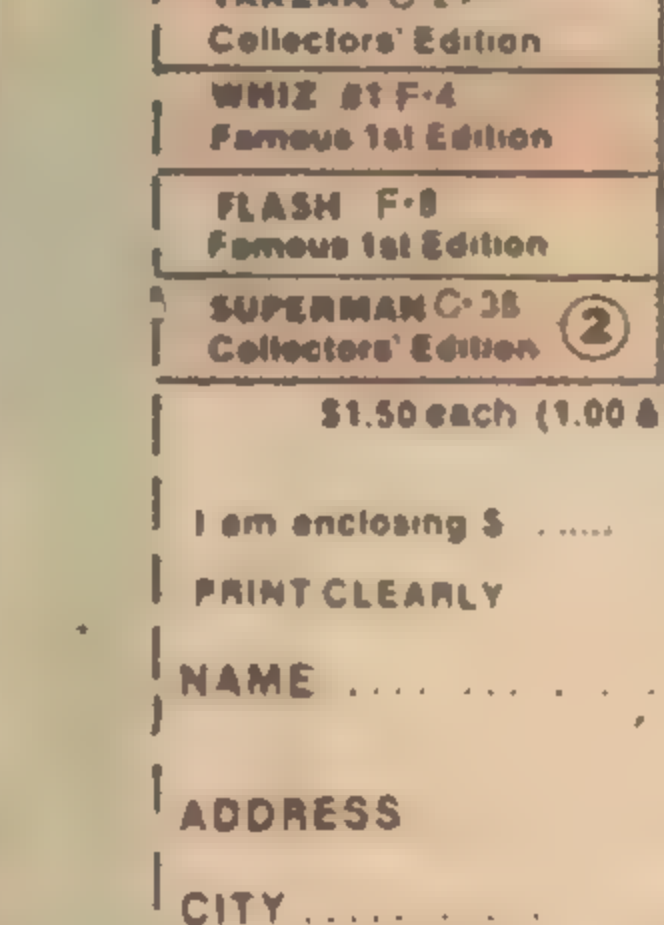
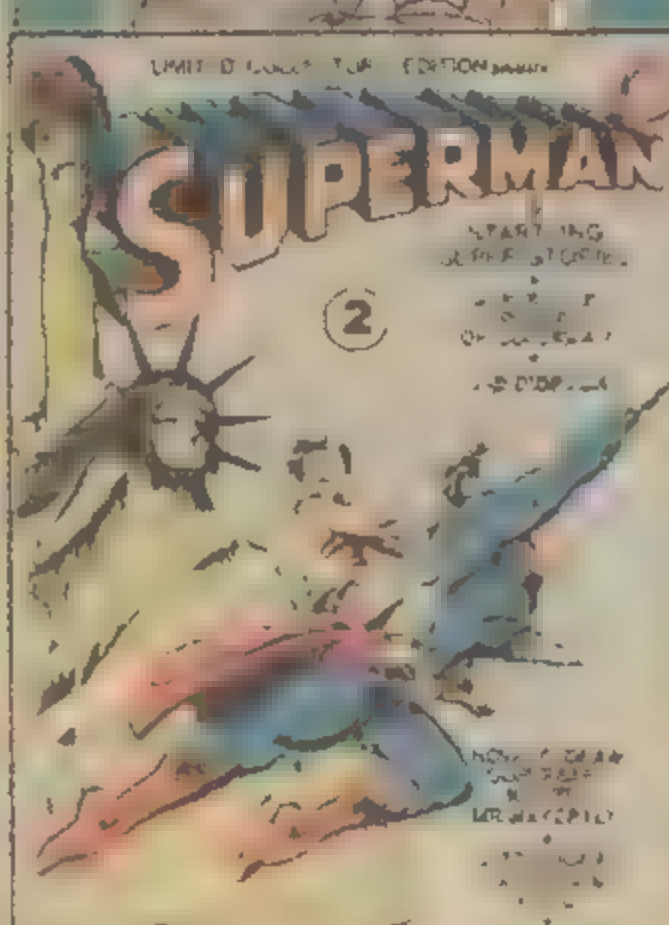
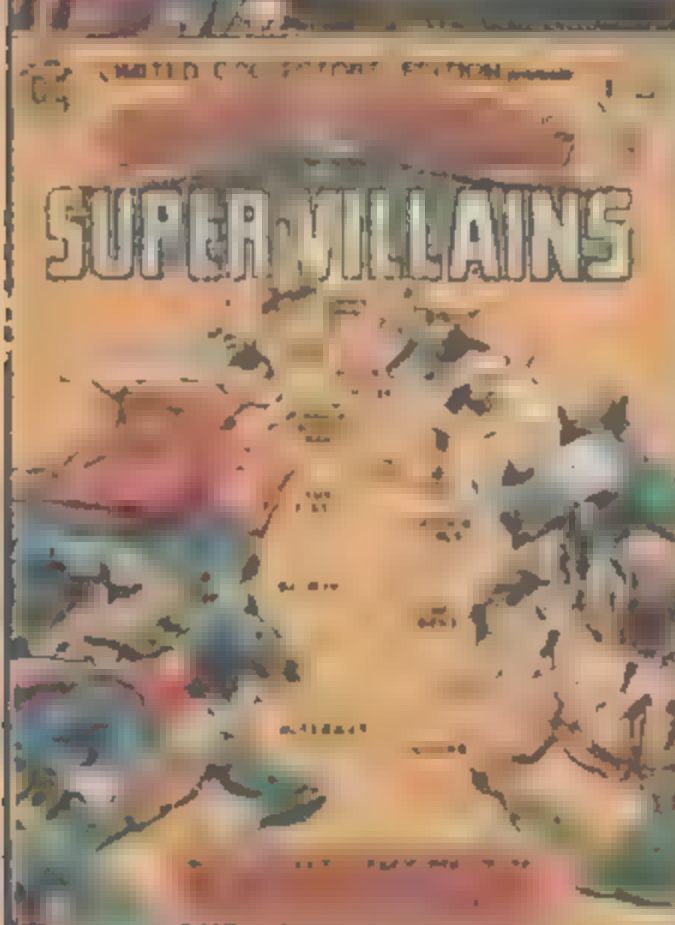
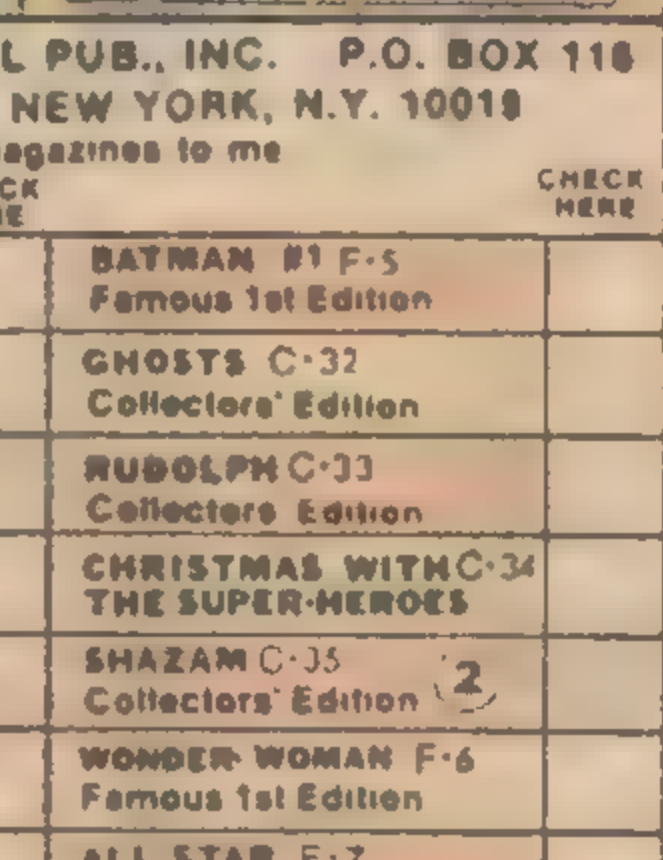
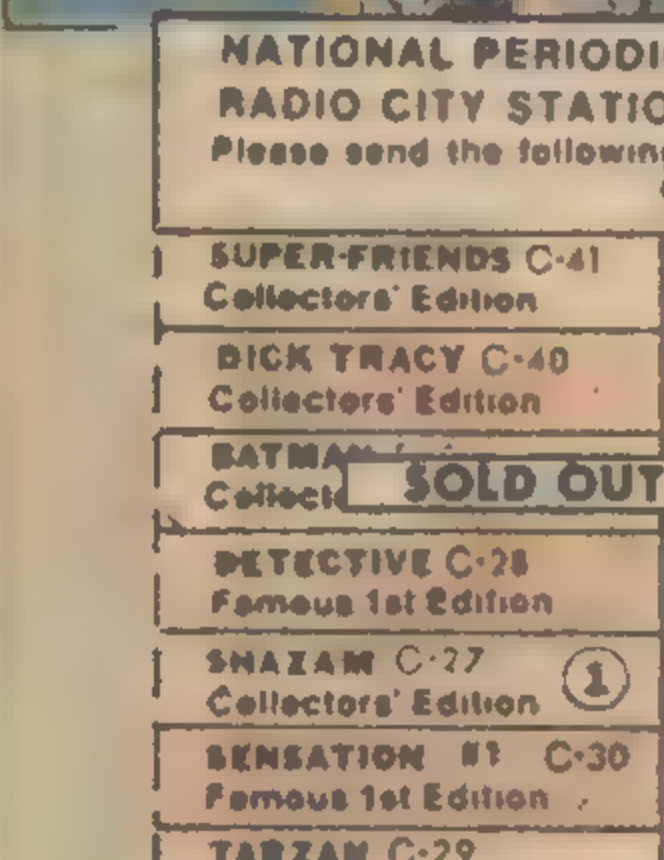
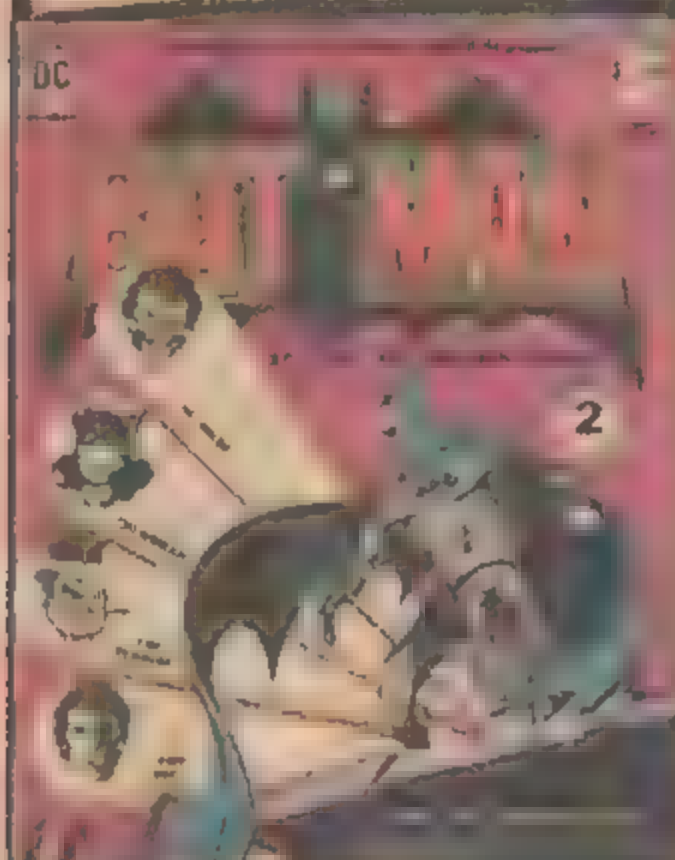
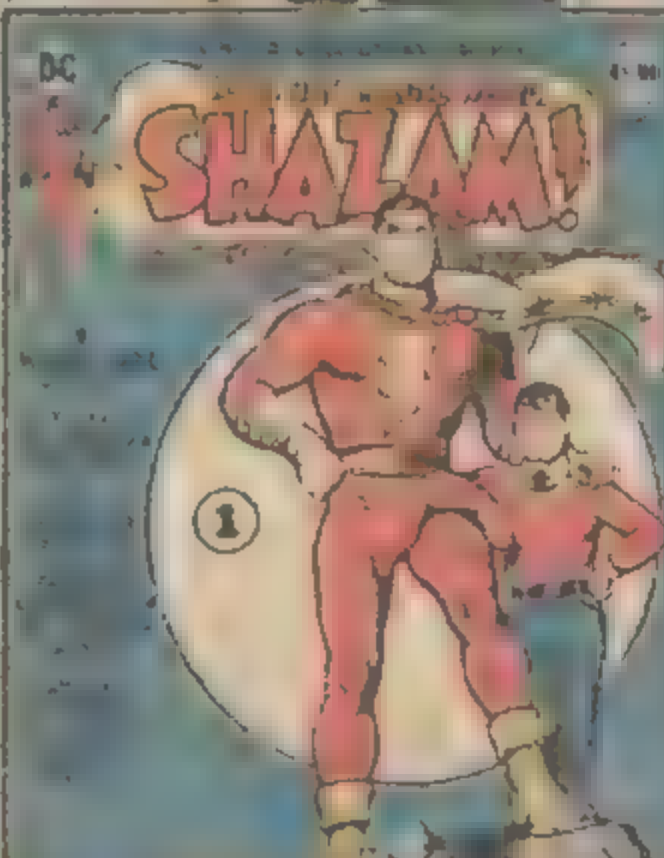
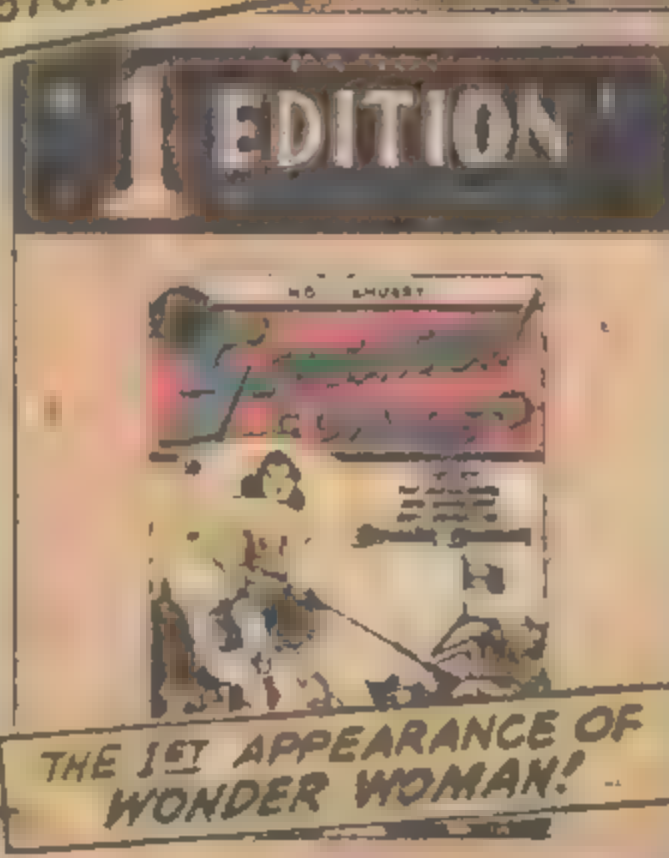
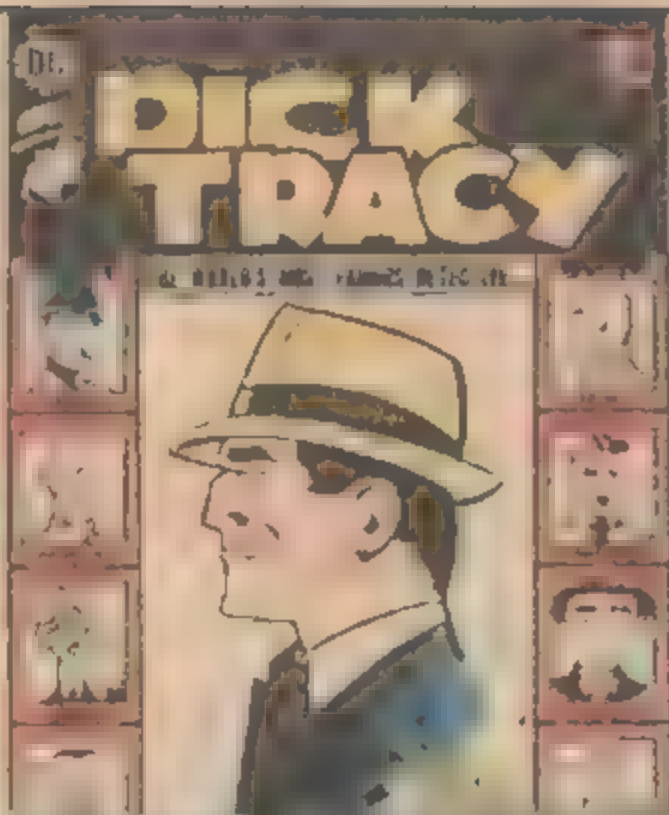
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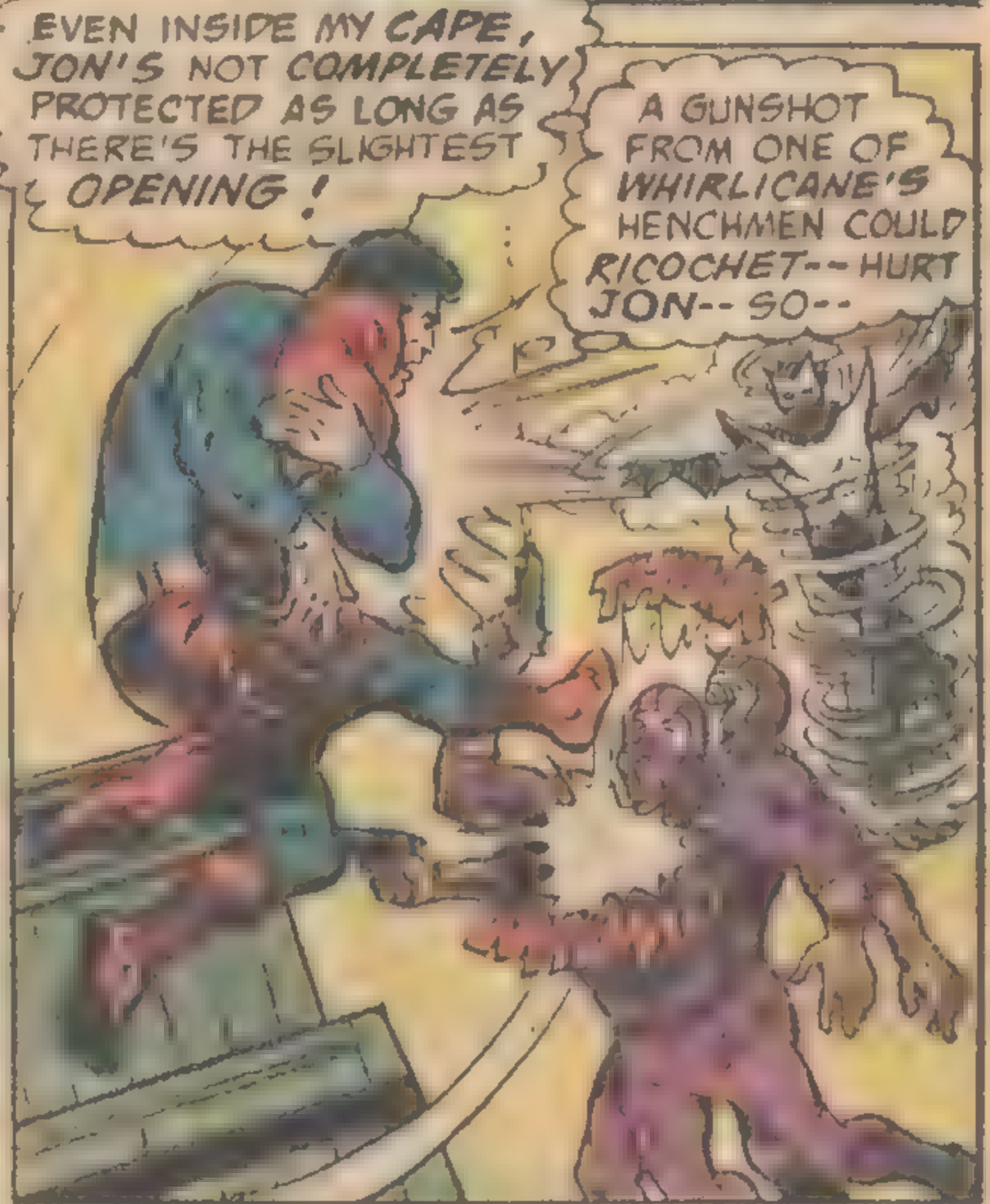
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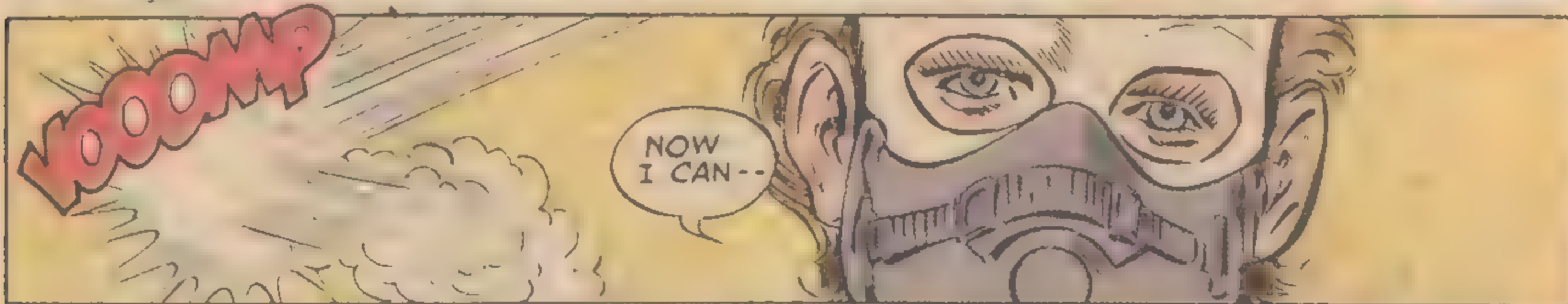
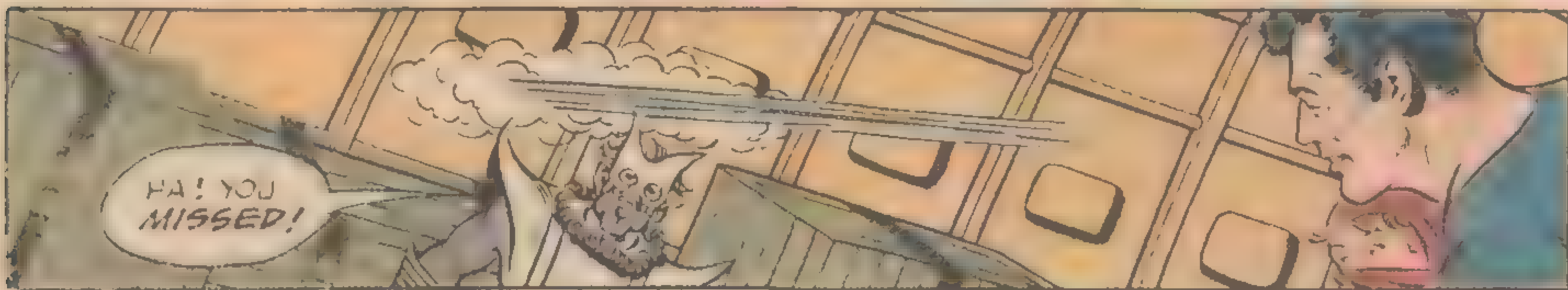
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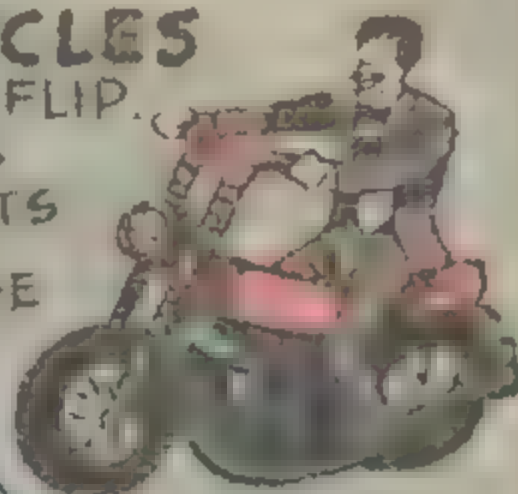
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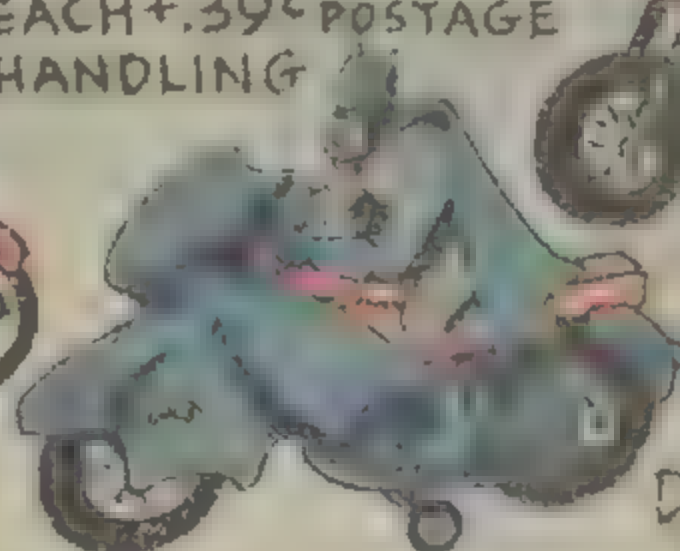
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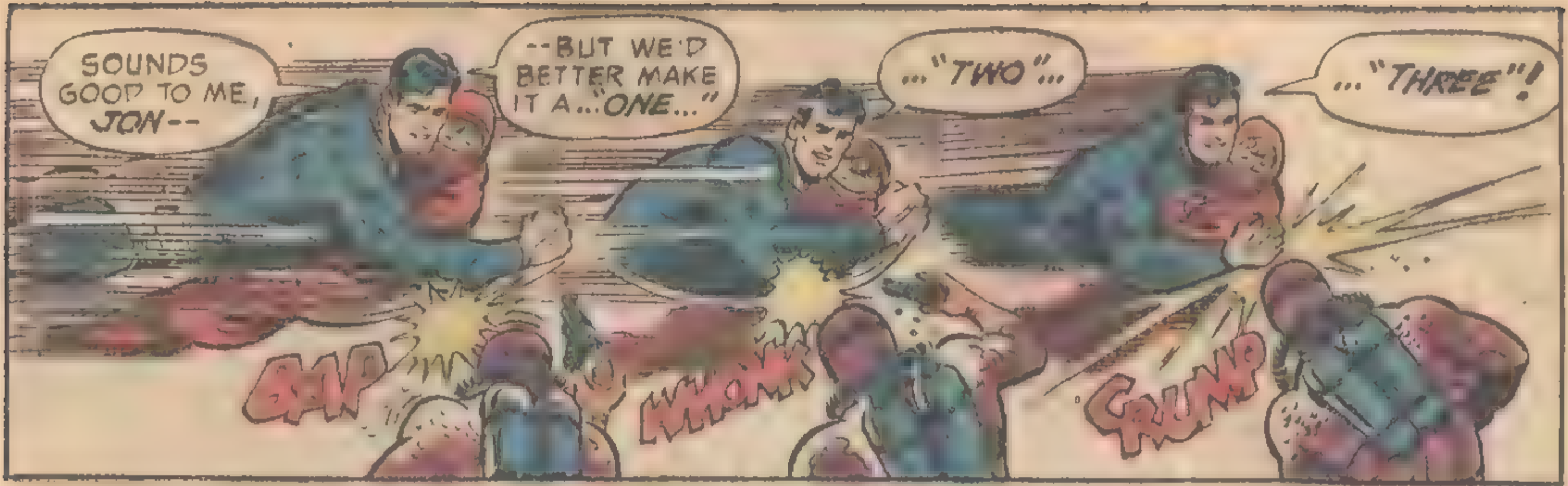
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THIS JET, I WAS PUSHING
US UPWARD-- TO THE
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WHIRLWIND MACHINE**
WOULD PROVE **UTTERLY
USELESS--FROZEN BY
THE INTENSE COLD!**

I **COULD** HAVE
DEFEATED YOU
SEVERAL **OTHER**
WAYS -- BUT AS
FAR AS A PAL
OF MINE WAS
CONCERNED, THIS
WAS THE **SAFEST--
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WE'LL JUMP PAST THE DELIVERY OF WHIRLICANE'S
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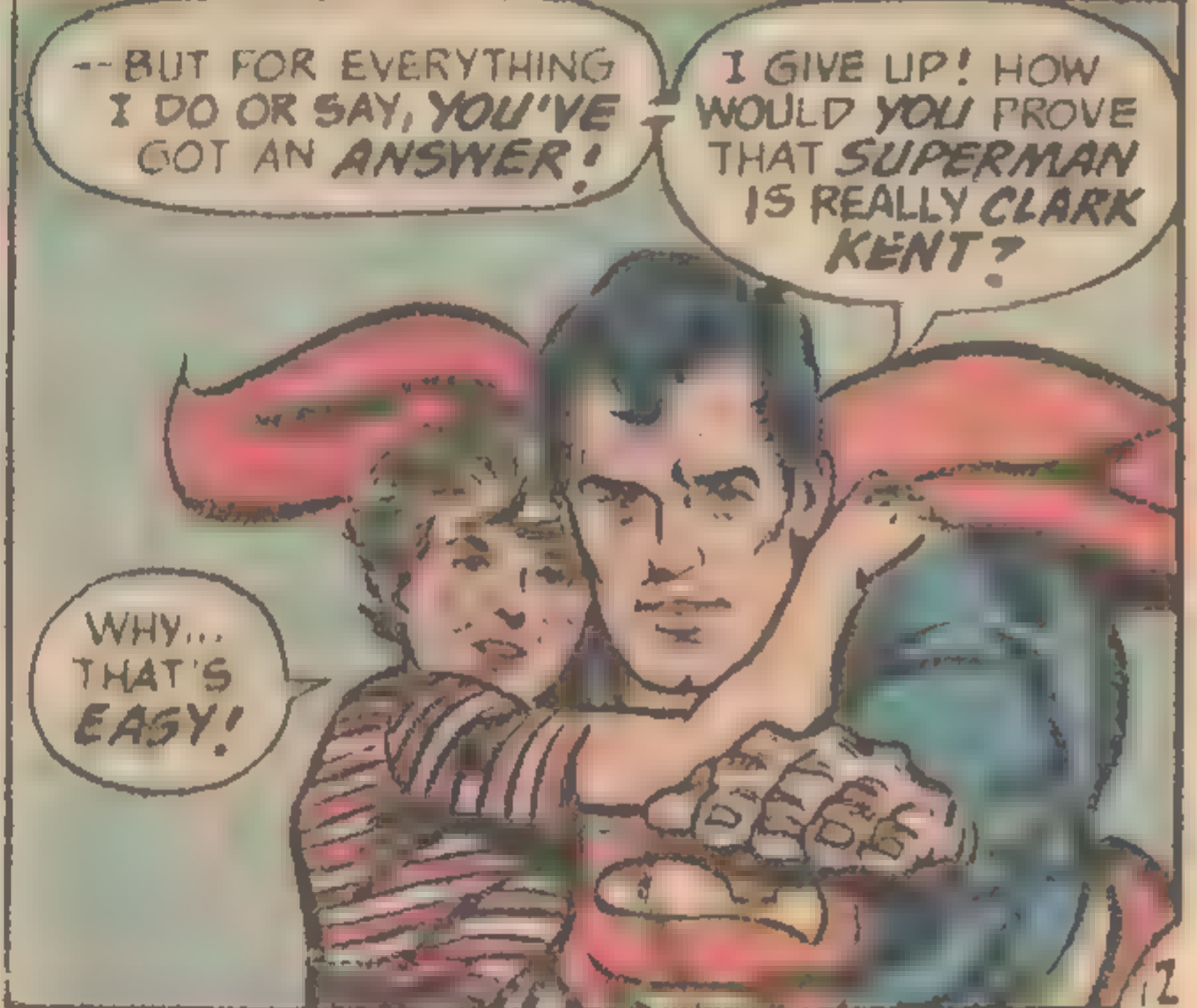
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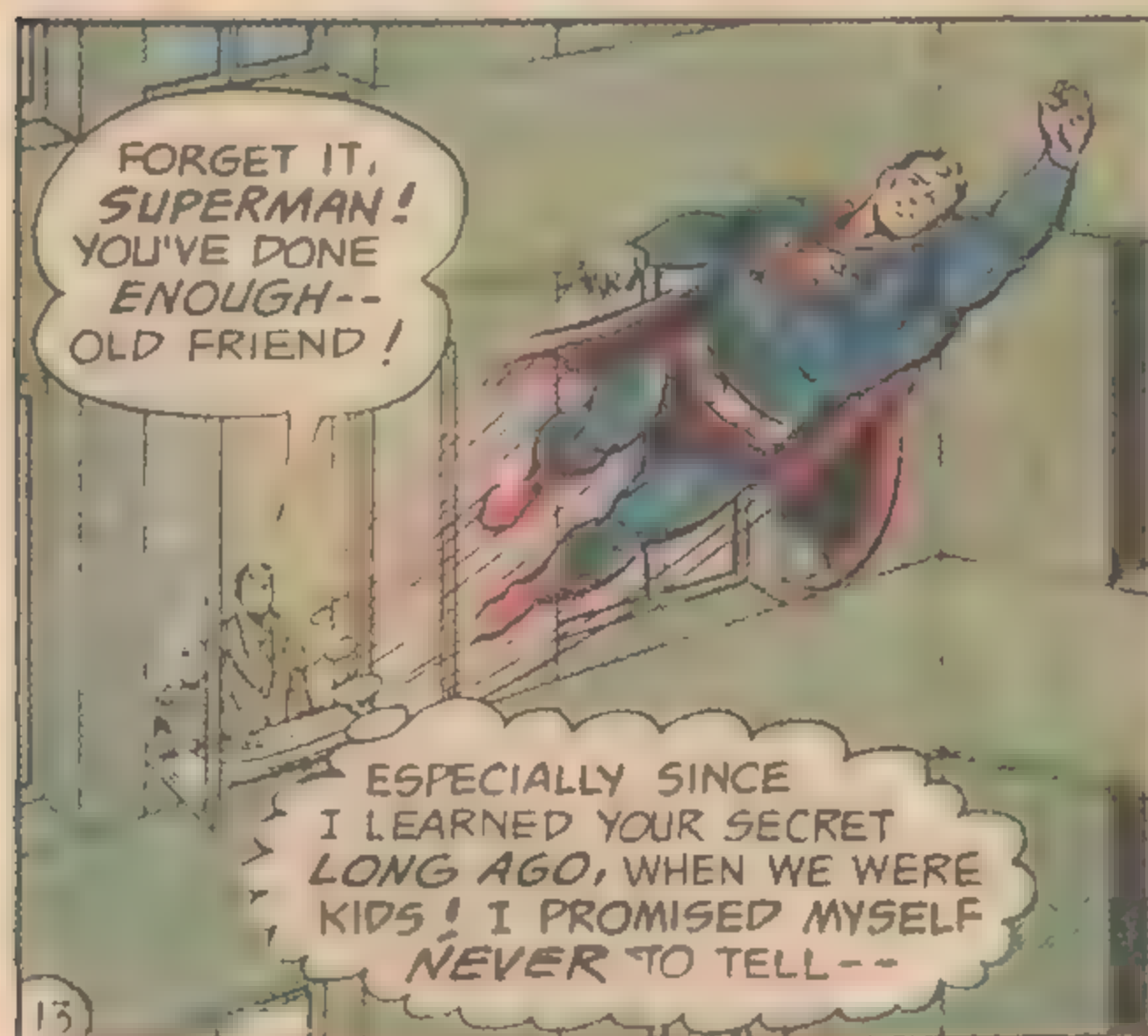
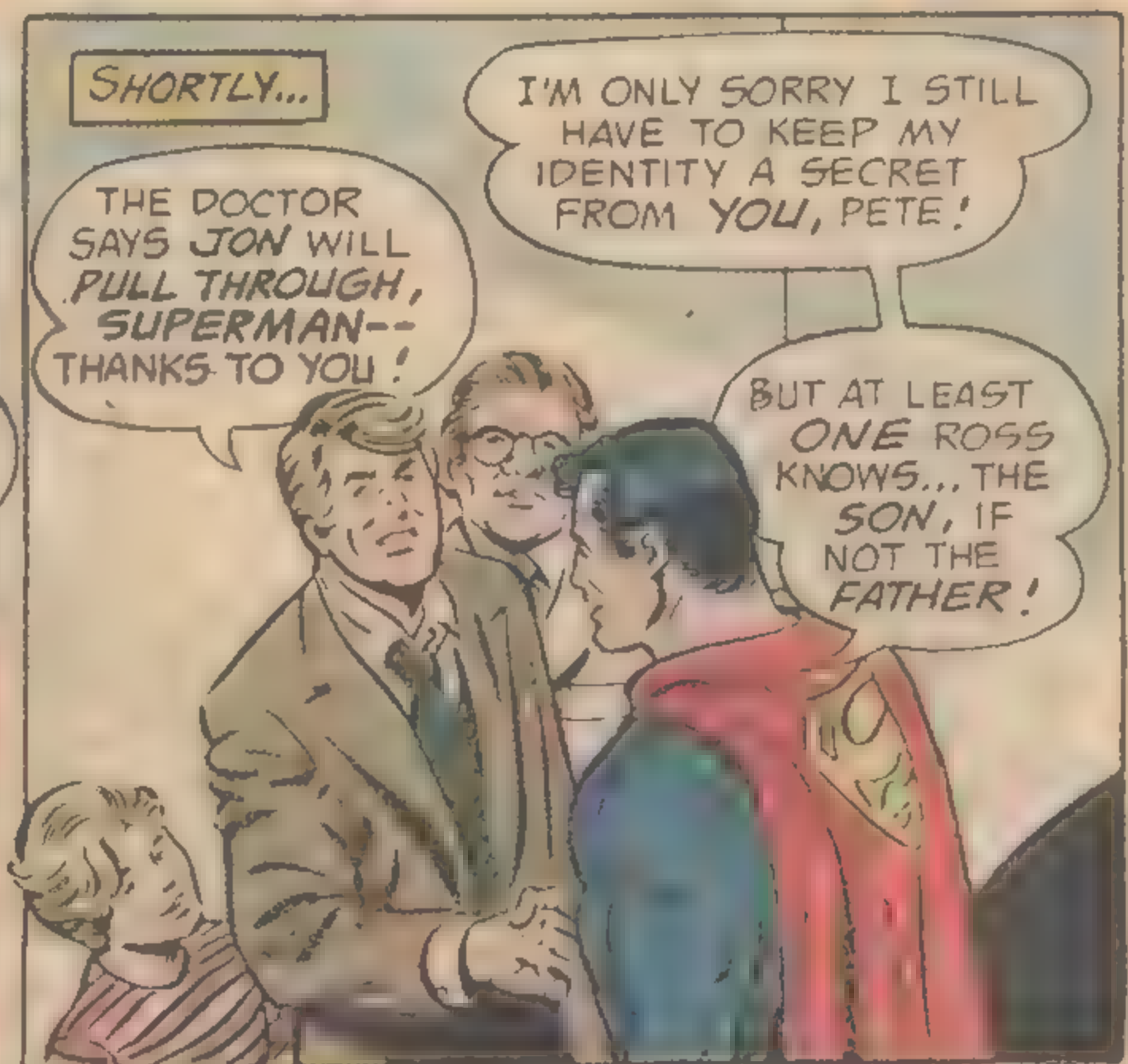
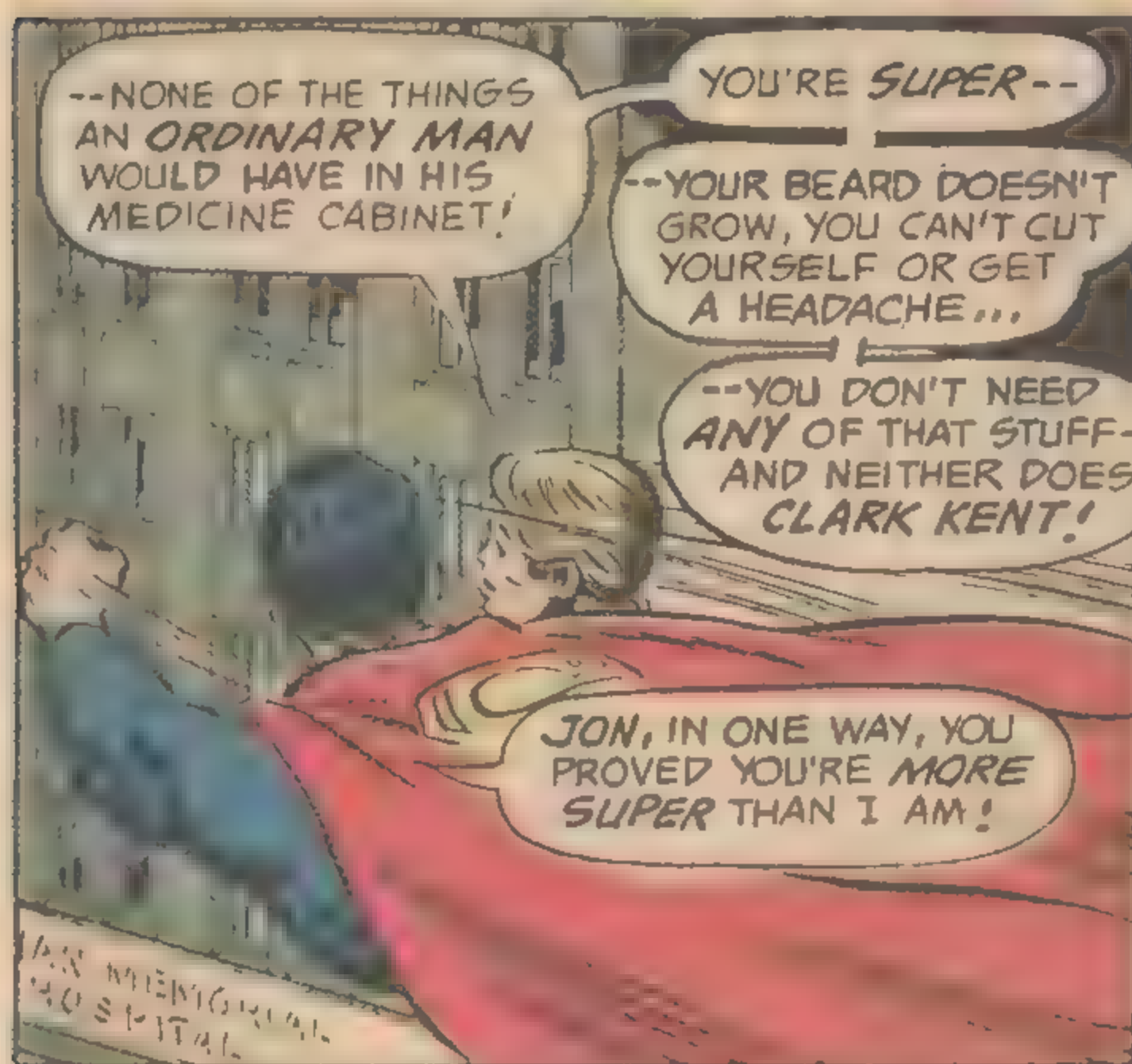
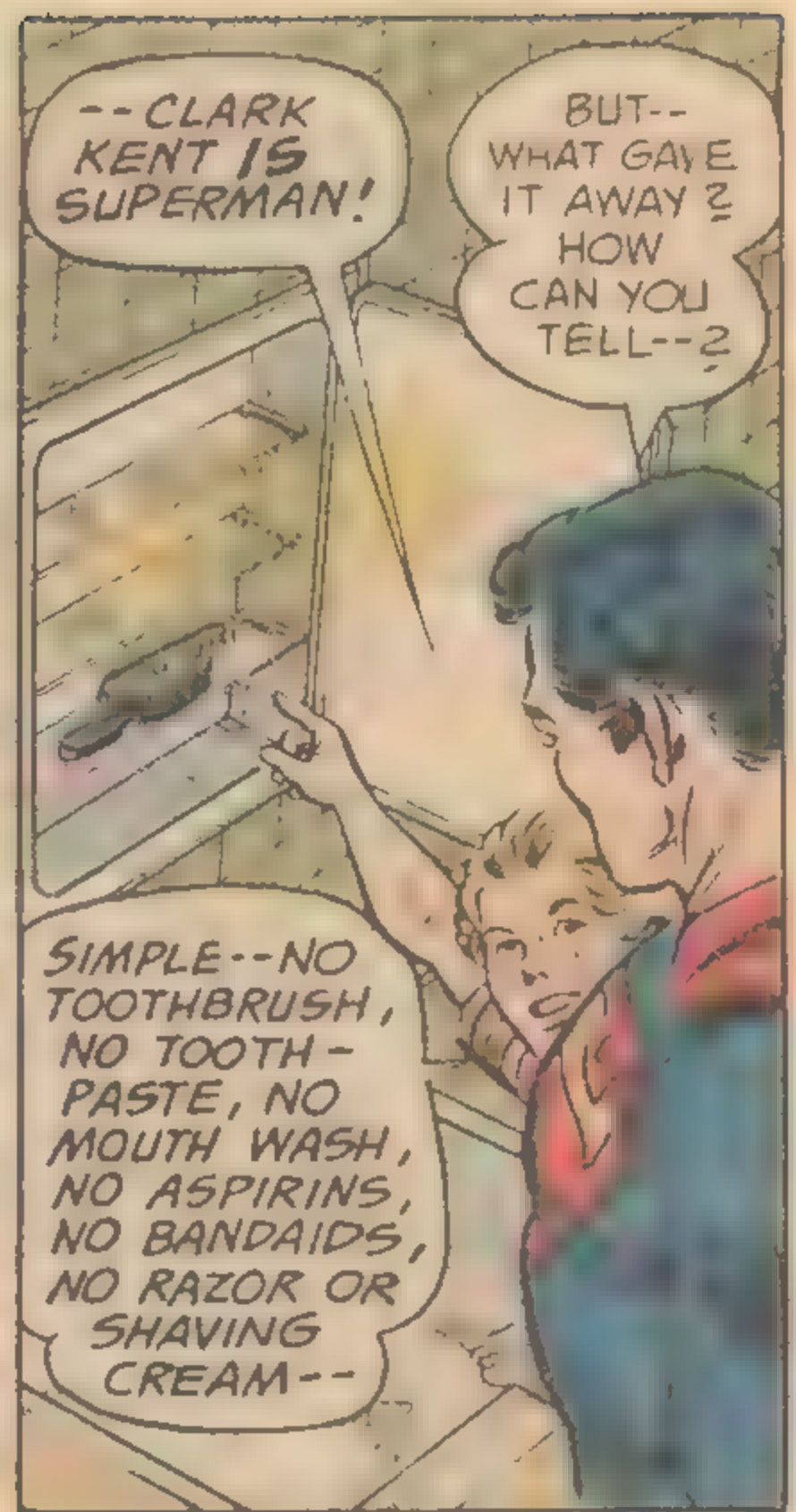
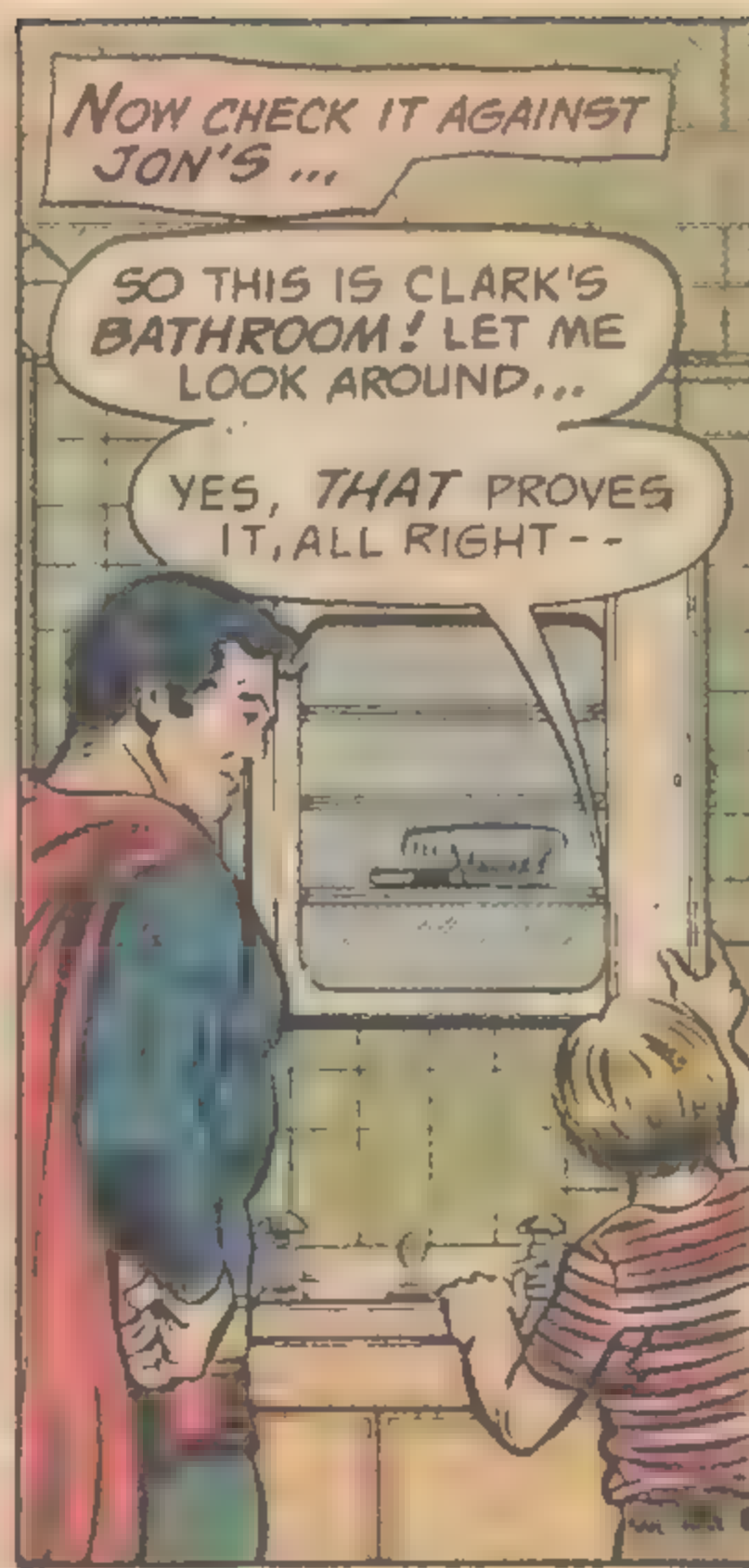
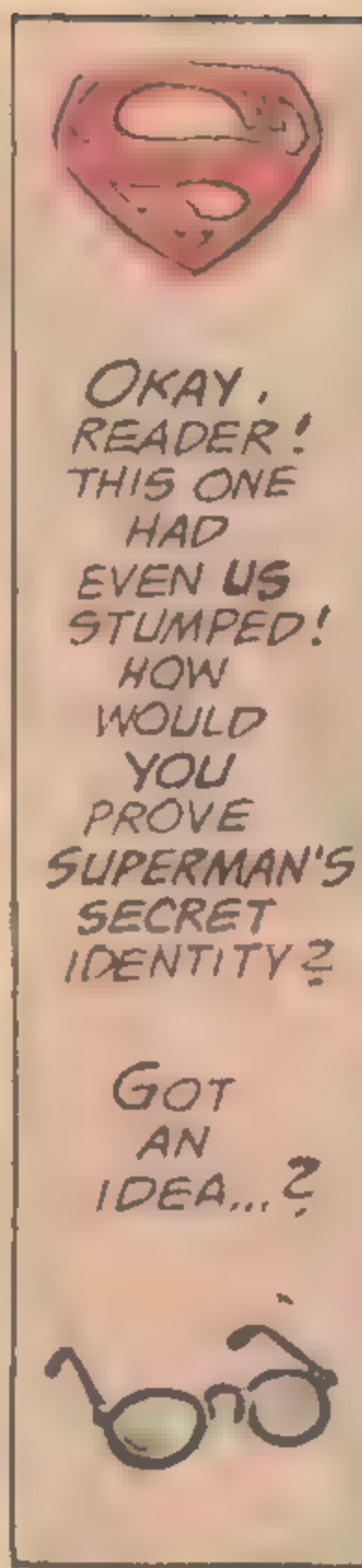


--BUT FOR EVERYTHING
I DO OR SAY, YOU'VE
GOT AN **ANSWER!**

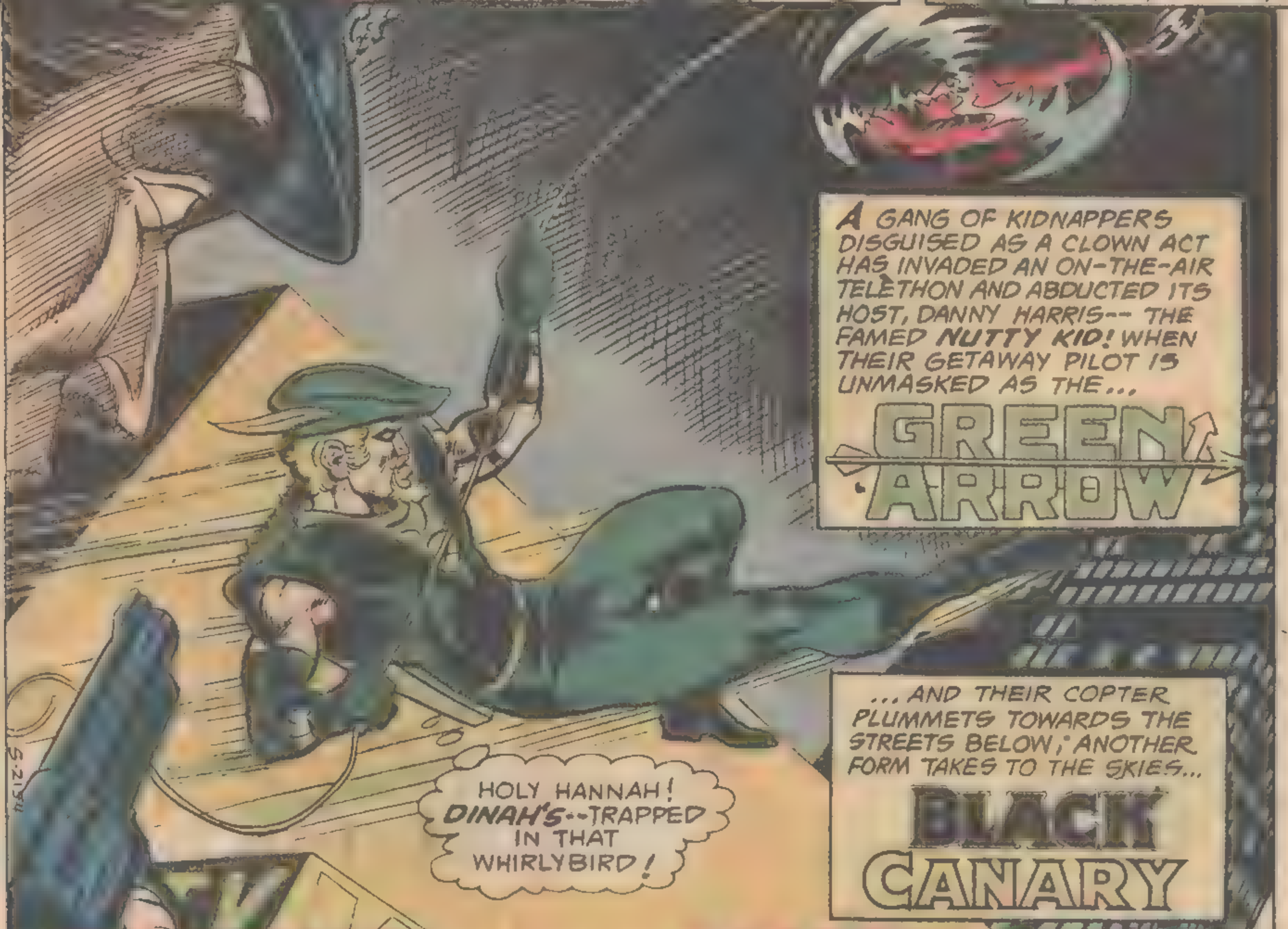
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WOULD YOU PROVE
THAT **SUPERMAN
IS REALLY CLARK
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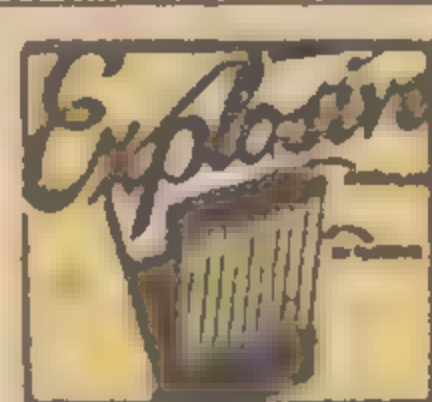
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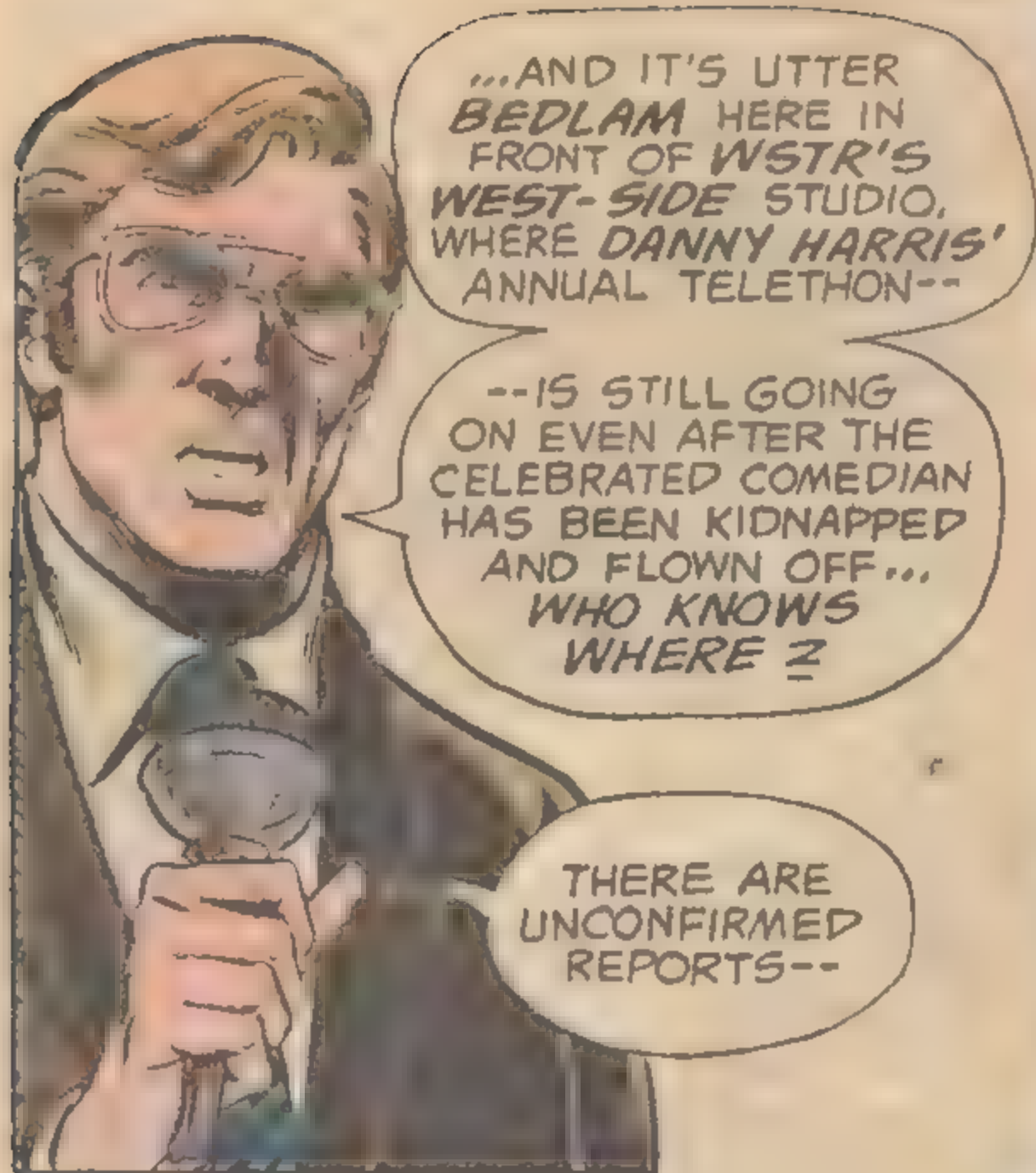
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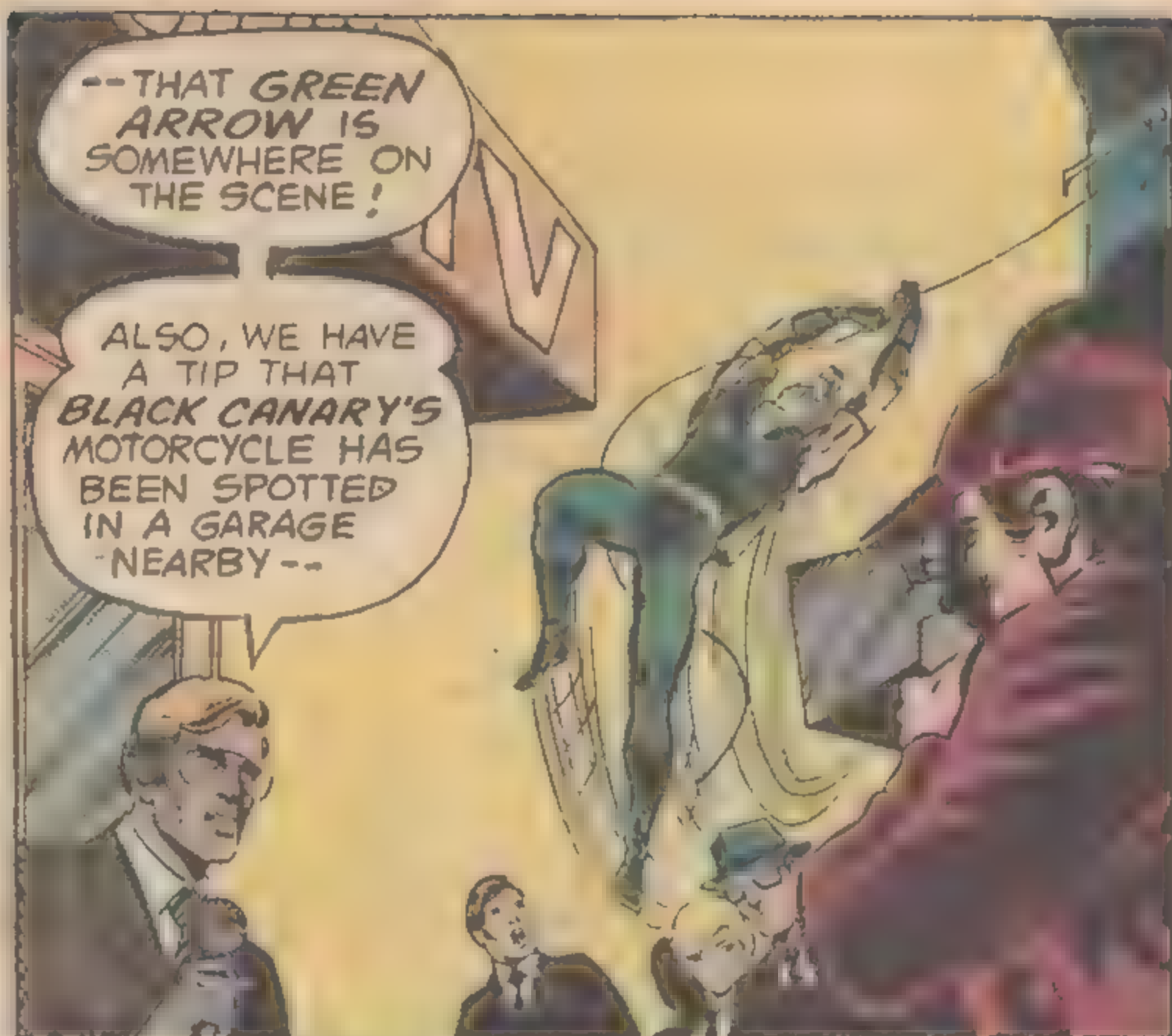
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...AND IT'S UTTER
BEDLAM HERE IN
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WEST-SIDE STUDIO,
WHERE **DANNY HARRIS'**
ANNUAL TELETHON--

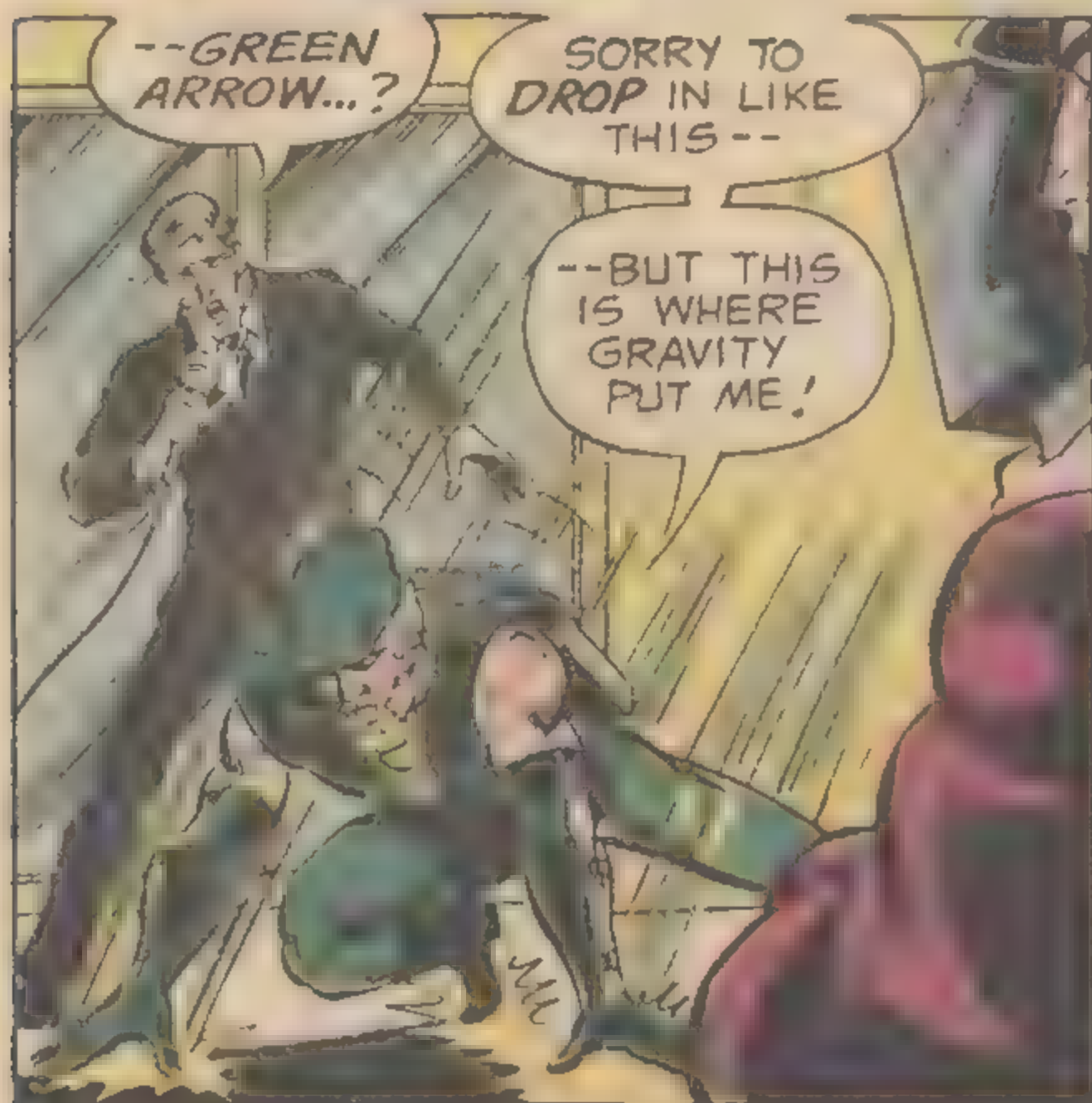
--IS STILL GOING
ON EVEN AFTER THE
CELEBRATED COMEDIAN
HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED
AND FLOWN OFF...
WHO KNOWS
WHERE?

THERE ARE
UNCONFIRMED
REPORTS--



--THAT **GREEN**
ARROW IS
SOMEWHERE ON
THE SCENE!

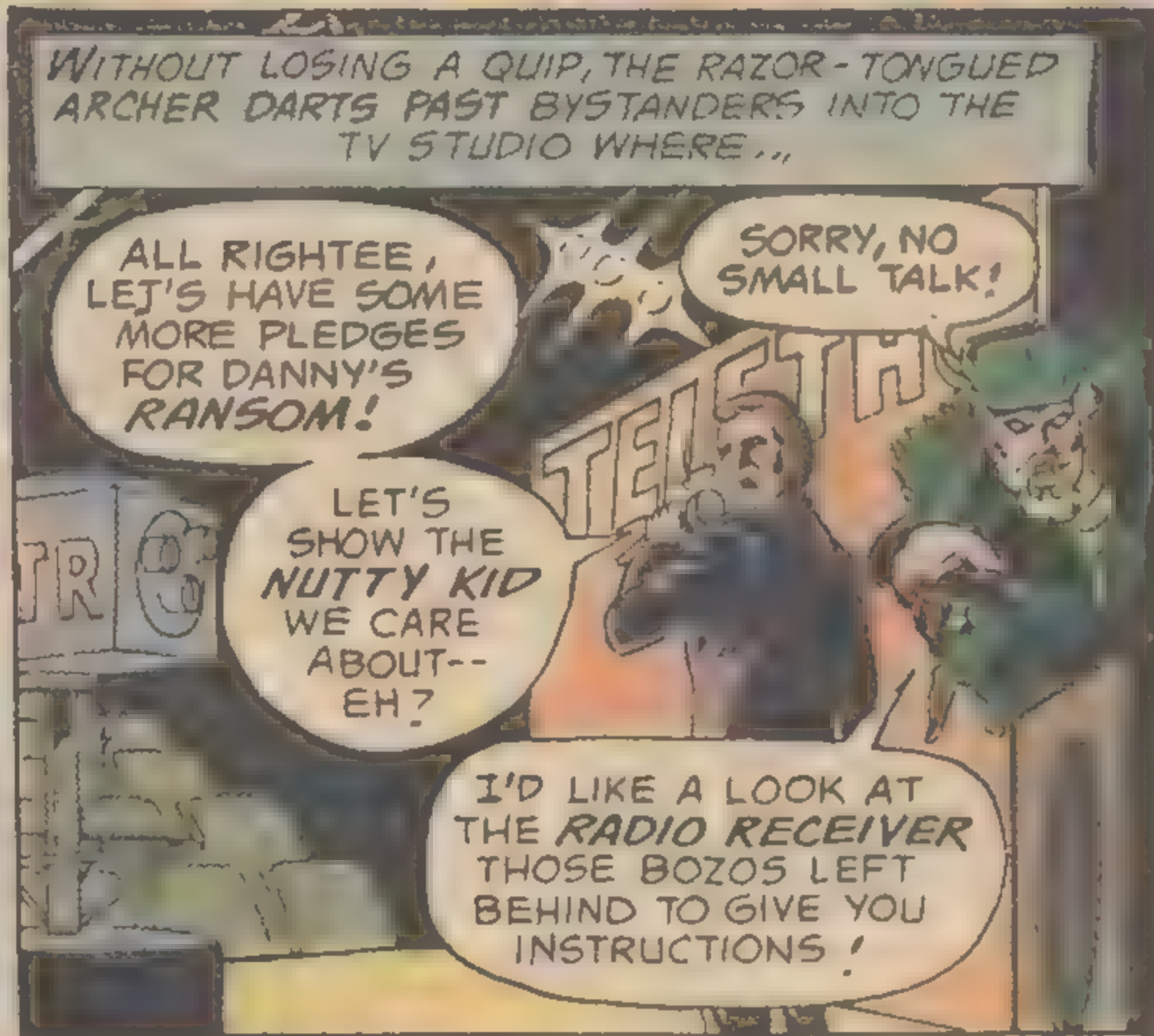
ALSO, WE HAVE
A TIP THAT
BLACK CANARY'S
MOTORCYCLE HAS
BEEN SPOTTED
IN A GARAGE
NEARBY--



--**GREEN**
ARROW...?

SORRY TO
DROP IN LIKE
THIS--

--BUT THIS
IS WHERE
GRAVITY
PUT ME!



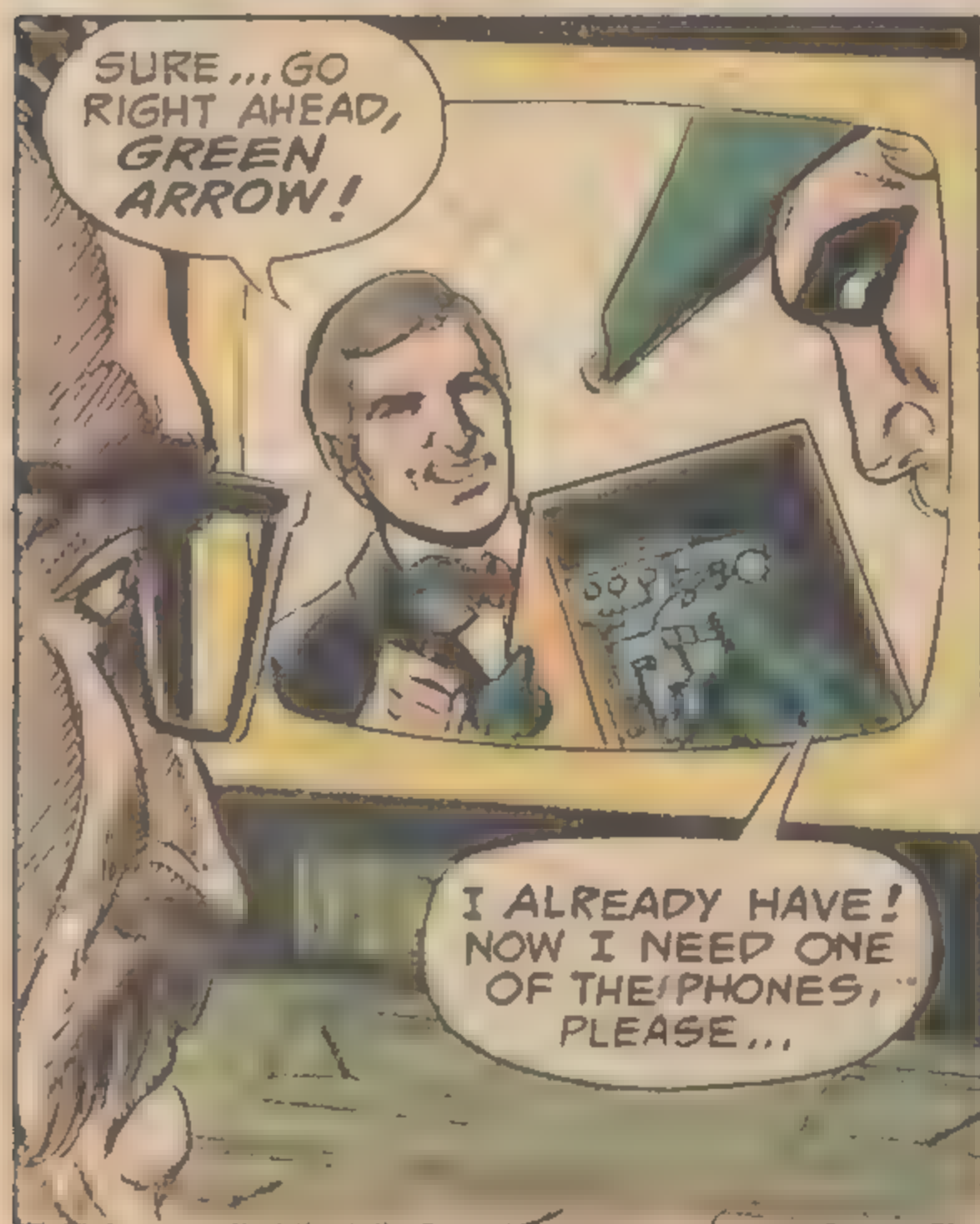
WITHOUT LOSING A QUIP, THE RAZOR-TONGUED
ARCHER DARTS PAST BYSTANDERS INTO THE
TV STUDIO WHERE...

ALL RIGHTEE,
LET'S HAVE SOME
MORE PLEDGES
FOR **DANNY'S**
RANSOM!

SORRY, NO
SMALL TALK!

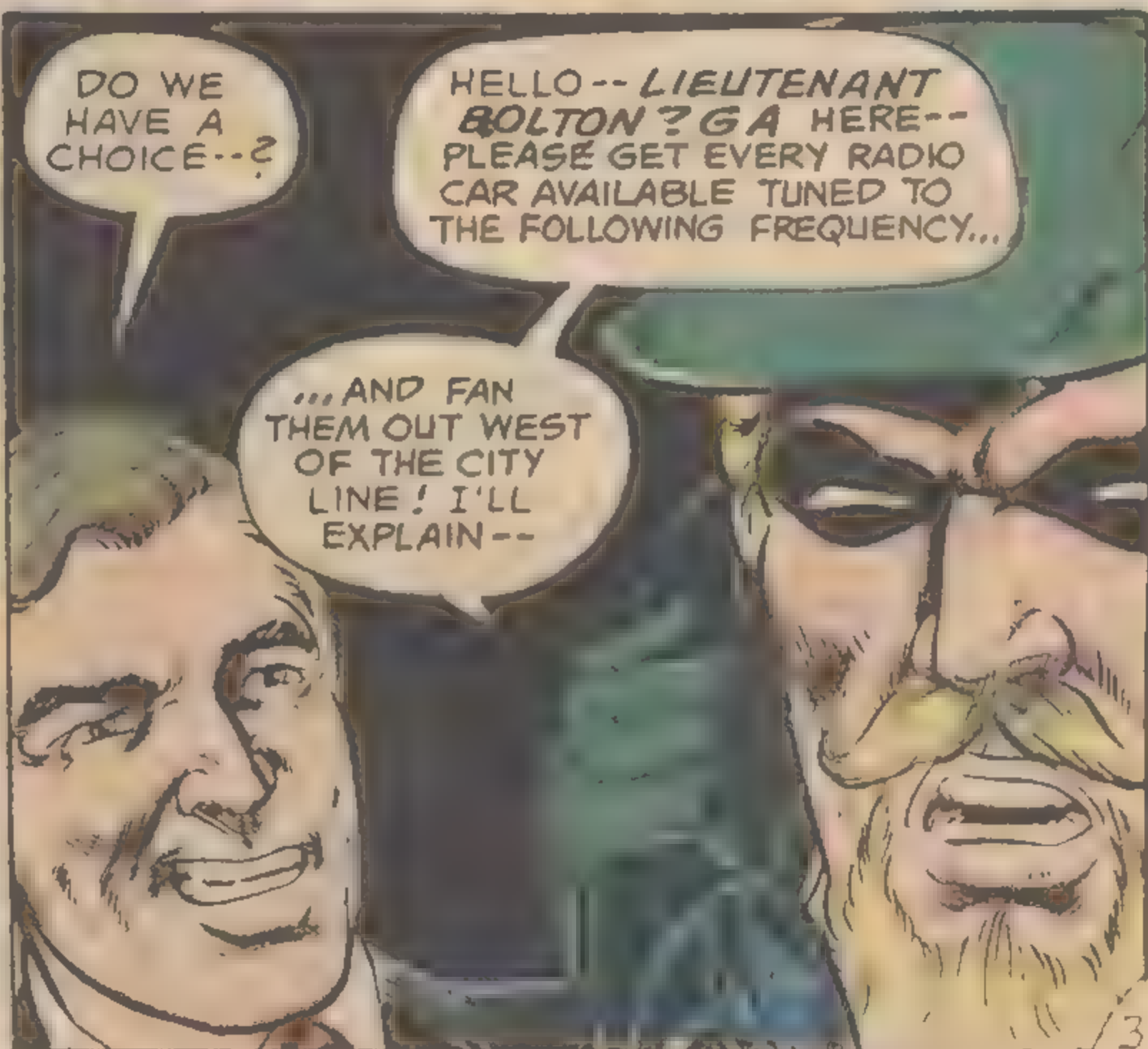
LET'S
SHOW THE
NUTTY KID
WE CARE
ABOUT--
EH?

I'D LIKE A LOOK AT
THE **RADIO RECEIVER**
THOSE **BOZOS** LEFT
BEHIND TO GIVE YOU
INSTRUCTIONS!



SURE...GO
RIGHT AHEAD,
GREEN
ARROW!

I ALREADY HAVE!
NOW I NEED ONE
OF THE PHONES...
PLEASE...



DO WE
HAVE A
CHOICE--?

HELLO--**LIEUTENANT**
BOLTON? **GA** HERE--
PLEASE GET EVERY RADIO
CAR AVAILABLE TUNED TO
THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCY...

...AND FAN
THEM OUT WEST
OF THE CITY
LINE! I'LL
EXPLAIN--

BUT AS THE EMERALD ARCHER
TRIES TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE
& UNAPPERS' RADIO COMMUNICATIONS...

NOW BRING
HER IN NICE
AND--

HEY, YOU
CRAZY DAME--
YOU CUT THE
ENGINE FIFTY
FEET UP!

AS I COUNTED ON,
YOU CHARACTERS DON'T
KNOW MUCH ABOUT
HELICOPTERS!

YOU WANTED ME TO
LAND IT SO YOU COULD
DISPOSE OF ME...

...BUT YOU NEVER
HEARD OF
AUTOROTATION--

--THE ABILITY OF A
HELICOPTER TO EASE
DOWN TO THE GROUND
LIKE A PARACHUTE...

...AS THE
ROTORS SLOW
TO A STOP!

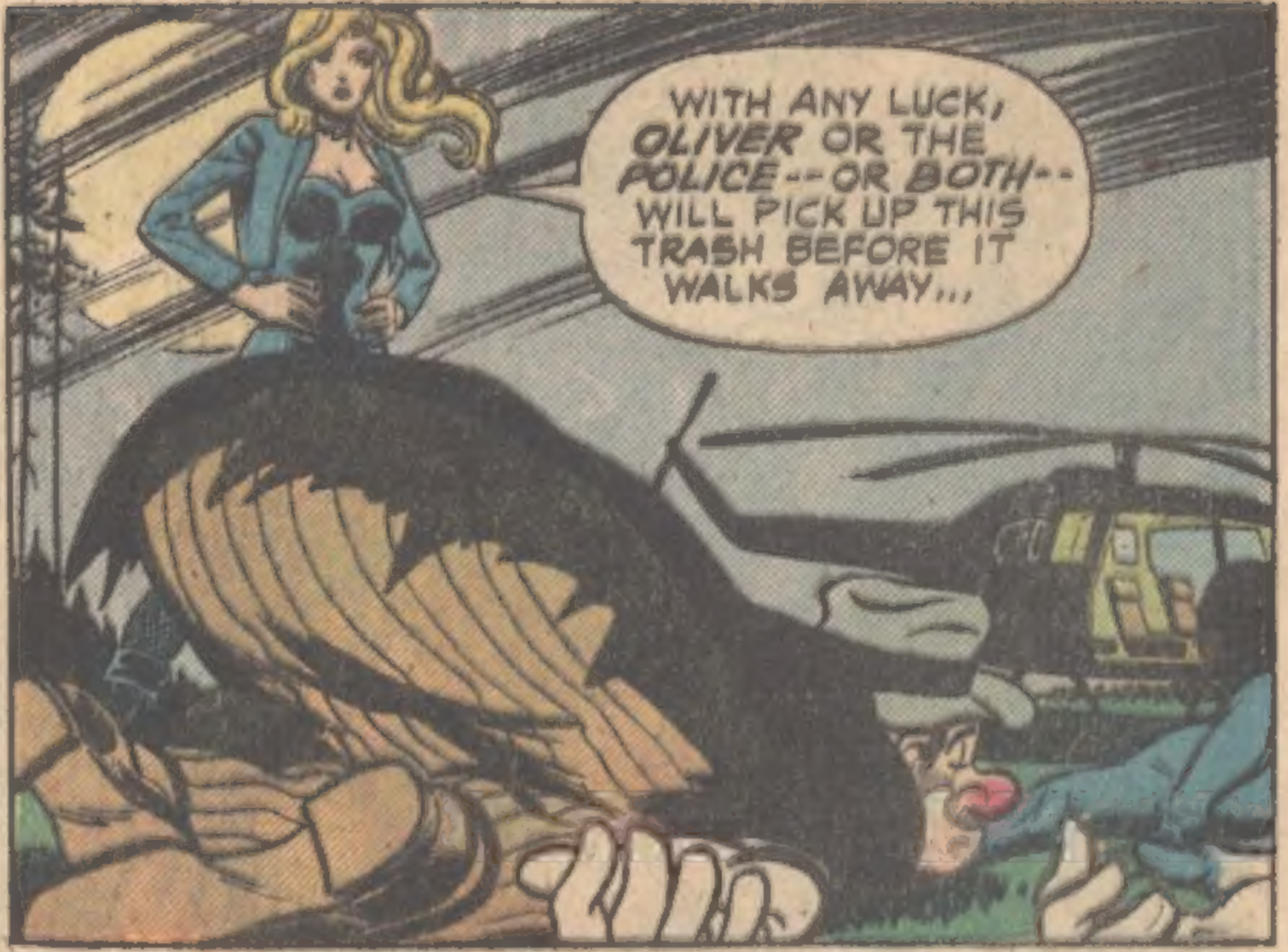
YOU CROOKS
GET STRONG
AND SILENT
WHEN YOU GET
MESSSED UP,
DON'T YOU...?

WELL, I
PREFER MY
KIDNAPPERS...

...SIMPLY
SILENT!



THOSE GUYS ARE JUST **BUSH** TO BE STOPPED BY A **ULP!**



WITH ANY LUCK, **OLIVER** OR THE **POLICE--OR BOTH--** WILL PICK UP THIS TRASH BEFORE IT WALKS AWAY...



...AND I CAN FREE THE **NUTTY KID!**

I HOPE HE'LL HAVE SOMETHING **FUNNY** TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS!



BUT WHAT HE SAYS ISN'T VERY FUNNY...

BLACK CANARY! YOU'RE IN **BIG TROUBLE** RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW--

THAT'S COMFORTING! WHAT DID I JUST GET OUT OF...A **PICNIC?**



I ASSURE YOU IT'LL LOOK LIKE ONE, SOON AS YOU CATCH ON...



...THAT THE MAN YOU JUST "RESCUED" IS **LEX LUTHOR!**

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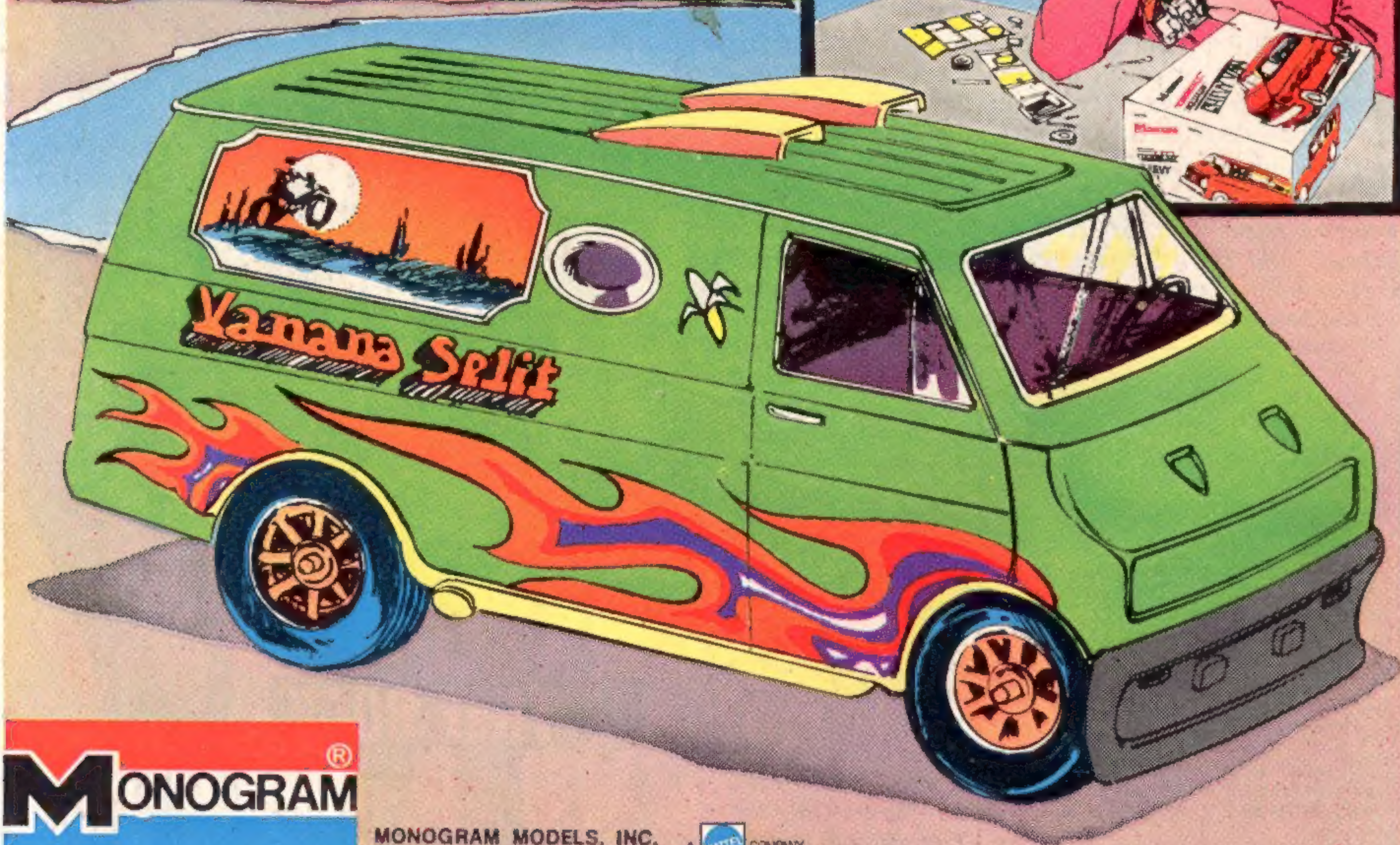
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